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WEST POINT FIRE.

BUILDING AND CONTENTS
DESTROYED.

EARLY MORNING DISASTER.

A building of three floors was destroyed by fire early this morning at Wing Lok Street, which was the scene of a similar occurrence soon after the big Hotel Fire on New Year's Day. The structure was one measuring 45 x 14 feet. The ground floor was occupied by Shan Fat, a dealer in birds' nest and Chinese provisions. The first floor formed the chess rooms of the Kwok Kwok School.

The fire is believed to have had its origin in the cockpit of the provision store on the ground floor and to have rapidly worked upwards after it had secured a hold on the staircases.

There were a few Chinese sleeping on the premises, mostly on the first floor, and they were rescued from their quarters when the building was well alight. They made their escape by scaling along the verandah into the next building. Bamboo scaffolding put up for repairs here assisted the men in reaching safety.

Central Fire Station received first news of the outbreak at 3.44 this morning through the patent fire alarm at Wing Lok Street, and simultaneously with the departure of two engines from here appliances were also called up from Kennedy Town and Wan-chai.

On arrival it was found that the ground and first floors were well alight and the upper floor had also been taken in by the spreading flames. Two motor pumps were brought to work and hoses directed from the verandahs of the building opposite yielded effective results. The sea was also tapped and a hose was drawn up to the roof of the house adjoining the burning building. A good jet was thrown on the flames from this vantage point.

The stop signal was given after 30 minutes' strenuous work by the fire-fighters.

Extensive Damage.

The damage as far as the building is concerned has not been assessed, and it is not known whether it is covered by insurance. The roof and upper floor were completely burnt out. The first floor was also badly damaged by fire, but did not actually collapse. However, there was very little left of it.

The provision dealer lost practically all his stock through damage by both fire and water. The contents of the first floor were also destroyed. It is understood that the stock in both these floors was insured with the Phoenix and other insurance companies for a total of \$12,000.

PROPERTY FALL.

MORTGAGOR WHO WAS STILL
SHORT.

LOCAL \$11,000 CLAIM.

Having sold property on the security of which he had lent \$25,000, the mortgagor was still \$11,119.50 short and this morning, in the Supreme Court, claimed through Mr. Elsley Zeitlyn, the balance.

The property concerned was in Elgin Street, Hongkong. Ng King-po was the plaintiff and Ip Chu, the defendant, the latter not being represented.

Plaintiff gave evidence of having advanced the money for six months, interest to be \$10 per \$1,000 per month. A clear month was to be given for the calling in of principal and interest. Notice was given on May 18, 1925, asking for payment by June 28. To this no reply had been received. On June 29 another notice had been sent together with an intimation that the property would be sold within a month if the money was not paid. In August, the property was sold to the highest bidder.

Mr. H. K. Woo, plaintiff's solicitor, gave evidence of the drafting and delivery of these letters. Judgment was entered for plaintiff, with costs.

RUSH FOR PIGS.

COLLISION WITH E. & S.
STEAMER.

REPORTED CASUALTIES.

One or two men are said to have been drowned on Sunday night, following a collision in the harbour, but the Chinese reports of fatalities are contradicted by the official statement of the China Navigation (E. & S.) S.S. "Chinhua."

Local "lans" (wholesale depots) commission stevedores to take delivery of live pigs, consigned to them, on the arrival of incoming steamers. Those who bring in the first lot from a ship get an extra thirty cents per pig, as the lots landed earlier command the best sale.

As the "Chinhua" was entering harbour about 10 p.m. on Sunday two sampans, both showing flares, tried to make fast while she was under way, near "Green Island."

Words passed in Chinese. It is believed that those in the sampans learned that the ship (coming from Bangkok, via Hoihow) had no pigs on board.

One of the sampans got in the way. There was a collision, stem to stern and on. The sampan became a total wreck. A boat was put off in very quick time from the "Chinhua" in charge of a European officer but according to the statement of those on the other sampan the occupants of the damaged boat had been picked up.

After it had been ascertained that there was nobody else in the water, the steamer proceeded.

In this morning's vernacular papers it is stated that one of the stevedores has not been accounted for.

ITALY SUCCEEDS.

DEBT AGREEMENT WITH
BRITAIN.

COUNT VOLPI'S ADMISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25.
An agreement has been reached along broad lines for the funding of the Italian debt.

The drafting Committee meets to-morrow to settle the points in detail.

Terms Not Disclosed.
Both sides are silent on the terms of the British-Italian debt settlement.

Count Volpi, interviewed by Reuter, admitted that an agreement had been reached on fundamental points, but tactfully evaded the question whether the agreement was satisfactory to Italy and also how it compared with the American settlement. The well-informed circles are of opinion that annuities of four and a half million sterling will begin to be paid immediately.

EXPERTS MEET.

Traditional Friendship.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 25.
Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Italian Minister of Finance, accompanied by their respective experts, met this afternoon.

An official communiqué states that they discussed all outstanding questions in regard to the settlement of the Italian War Debt.

A drafting committee will meet to-morrow morning, and a further meeting of the Ministers will take place in the afternoon. There is every confidence, says the communiqué, that an agreement will be reached.

Friendship and Amity.
Count Volpi and the other members of the Italian Debt Funding Commission were entertained at luncheon at the Merchant Taylors'

CRISIS OVER?

RAILWAY DELEGATES VOTE
FOR AWARD.

A NARROW MAJORITY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 25.

At the meeting between representatives of the railway companies and of the National Union of Railwaymen, which was held this morning, there was a full discussion of the objections raised by the men to the award of the National Wages Board. As explained in previous messages the men object to the finding of the National Wages Board that men hereafter joining the railway service and not promoted shall receive only the basic wage of those grades to which they are appointed without cost of living bonus, and they ask for an assurance that the railway companies will accept the basic rates as an irreducible minimum. The exact tenor of the railway companies' reply has not been announced.

At a conference of railwaymen's delegates this afternoon two resolutions were moved. One resolution was for refusing to accept the award and declaring a strike next Friday. The other was for acceptance of the award. By a very narrow majority the resolution accepting the award was adopted. It would appear therefore that the railway crisis is over.

THE CRITICAL STAGE.

TALK OF NATIONAL STRIKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25.
Critical negotiations between representatives of the railway companies and the N.U.R. were opened at Euston this morning in regard to the Union's demands.

Several branches of the Union have already adopted a resolution in favour of a national strike if the Union's demands are refused.

At the conclusion of the negotiations the companies submitted a memorandum which the delegates' conference of railwaymen will consider.

COMPANIES FIRM.

London, later.
At to-day's negotiations the railway companies declined to concede the points raised by the Railwaymen's Union. They pointed out that they accepted the findings of the Wages Board, which the Union repudiated a second time after the Union's representatives had signed the report. The companies intimated that if the Union persisted in this attitude they would be obliged seriously to consider their attitude toward the Wages Board machinery which was being rendered "futile and farcical."

PASSIONATE SPEECHES.

London, later.
Passionate speeches were delivered on both sides at the railwaymen's conference in debating the motion for a definite strike on Friday, which was ultimately rejected by 41 votes to 36. The outcome is regarded as a triumph for Mr. J. H. Thomas, who throughout strove to uphold the prestige of the Wages Board.

Hall, one of the ancient Guilds, of the City of London.

Lord Revelstoke, the well-known banker, in proposing the health of Count Volpi, expressed the conviction that the negotiations on which his Excellency was engaged would result in strengthening and cementing the friendship and amity which for so many generations had united Great Britain and Italy. Count Volpi, replying, said that he could not tell what would be the conclusion of his conversations with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, but the outcome could not be other than a fair and mutual recognition of their respective actual situations, illuminated by the traditional friendship between two countries.

CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE.
An earlier wireless message from Rugby stated, inter alia:—Matters are understood to have been considerably advanced in the last few days. Further progress may be made to-day in view of communications that have passed between Count Volpi and his Government at Rome.

CITY BURGLARY.

ENTRY OF ROBBERS
EXPLAINED.

THE WEAK POINT.

The rumour that a Chinese had been arrested in connection with the big burglary at the Popular Silk Store, a full report of which appeared in the "China Mail" yesterday, was confirmed on inquiry in official circles this morning. It is understood, however, that the man had been arrested on suspicion and no developments have eventuated.

Further inquiries show that the thieves effected an easy entrance to the first floor. In the majority of local burglaries it is generally accepted that where it is difficult to gain access to an upper floor the thieves throw a bamboo pole near the place planned for the burglary during daylight and climb along this in the night hours. In the present instance the first floor where the thieves dug through was vacant and it had remained so for a long time. A staircase at the back of the building gave free access to the room which had once been used as a fitting room.

It was also to facilitate access direct from the ground floor that Madame Flint, before she vacated the shop now occupied by the Popular Silk Store, put in a staircase from the attic. Allowance was made for this when the floor was put in and no concrete or expanded metal was used on this part. The opening had been closed in with planks and mortar. Knowing the weak part in the floor the thieves found no difficulty in boring through.

The theory is advanced that the thieves were the same or part of the gang that carried out a series of daring burglaries from a European and two Chinese stores one year ago.

AN ILLEGAL FIRM.

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF
PARTNERS.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

A claim respecting an admittedly illegal firm was heard in the Summary Court this morning.

Under the local Ordinance, a firm is not entitled to the status of legal recognition if it has more than twenty partners and in the particular case in question there were more than this number.

The firm was formed for the purpose of building a house at Swatow and the partners were called upon to pay sums averaging \$1,000 each.

The only two partners who appeared in court this morning said that they had seen nothing further of their capital or interest. The scheme had gone forward and the house had, in fact, been built. A witness in giving evidence said that he had looked after the books and there had been \$8,000 profit which had been handed to the defendant who had sponsored the scheme.

Plaintiff (represented by Dr. D. McCallum) claimed for the return of the money he had invested.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask held that as the firm was an illegal one there was no legal responsibility for the return of the money invested even if the scheme for which it was formed had gone through. He further held that plaintiff should be non-suited as he held that His Worship had no jurisdiction in such a case. Judgment was reserved.

MISSION TO CHINA.

WORK BOUND TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS.

CHINESE MINISTER'S VIEW.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25.
The Chinese Minister, at a farewell luncheon to Dame Anderson and Professor Southill (two of the members of the Boxer Indemnity Mission) said that public opinion in China would support any decision reached by the Mission, whose work was bound to improve relations between Great Britain and China.

CANTON SUCCESS.

HOW HAINAN ISLAND WAS
TAKEN.

LOCAL OFFICIALS FLEE.

The campaign of the Canton Government against Chan Kwing-ming's remnants in the south of Kwantung province and the island of Hainan is now almost complete.

A description of how, after crossing the Hainan Straits, the Canton forces took the island is given below.

No Opposition Met.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hoihow, Jan. 21.

The Cantonese soldiers that landed in Hainan on Sunday night (Jan. 17) arrived in Kiungchow and Hoihow this afternoon. There had been very little fighting as the local men, although having twice as many soldiers, were not trained and put up the white flag as soon as they made a start at fighting. On Wednesday (Jan. 20) the local officials heard that their "braves" were surrendering and that the Cantonese were having a triumphal march to Kiungchow and Hoihow. General Tang Pun-yan and his assistants were greatly put out and decided that the best thing for them was to get out as fast as possible. This they decided to do and during the night they all faded away. This morning there was not an officer to be seen and it was not long before there were no soldiers. The exit was so sudden that many guns and much ammunition were left in the house above the city gate that had been occupied by soldiers. The ammunition factory worked up till last night but it is said that not even bed-boards were left this morning. Some soldiers wanted to give their arms to foreigners in Hoihow, and when the offer was refused, threw them into the river. There was a little looting in a few shops in Kiungchow on Wednesday night but the turnover was so sudden that the local thieves did not even have a chance. There was scarcely any looting in Hoihow.

The Cantonese troops presented a very good appearance and behaved very well as they entered Kiungchow and Hoihow. The local people, from past experience, feared that the incoming troops would loot and many women and children left the city to seek refuge. They were soon able to return to their homes in peace for the new soldiers scattered handbills saying that they had come to save Hainan from their oppressors and that they would not take anything they did not pay for and that the people had nothing to fear. The men were as good as their word and did not enter private houses but paid for everything they needed. I hear that proclamations have been posted forbidding gambling and opium smoking and promising that no unjust taxes will be raised. The banners of the soldiers stated that they were the anti-imperialists and the posters said that they had come to fight Tang, "the tool of foreign imperialists." It is to be hoped now that they are in power they will attempt to put down the bandits and give peace and justice to the people of Hainan. There are several Russians in the army and quite a number of Hainanese students.

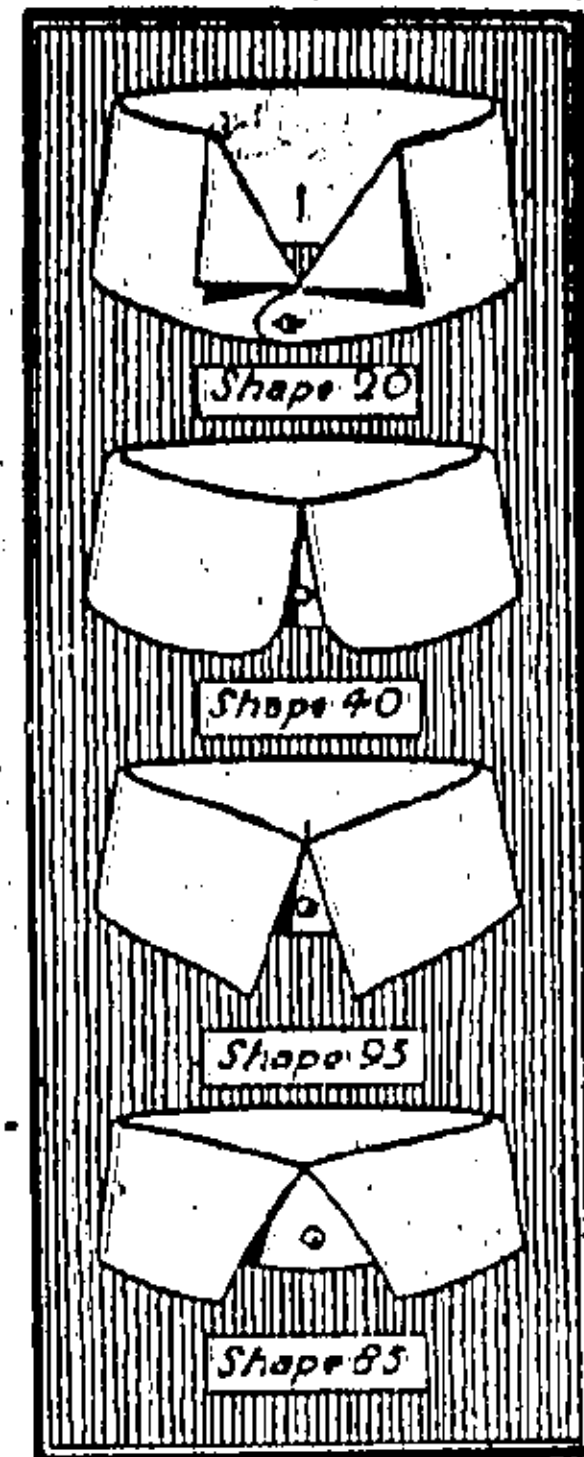
It is reported that the Custom's houseboat was coming in from the Japanese warship with a guard of Japanese soldiers when the new Cantonese soldiers stopped the boat. They disarmed the Japanese but their guns were afterwards returned to them and I suppose the incident closed.

No word has been received from the interior but it will not be many days before the entire island is in the control of the invaders. It remains to be seen what will be the attitude of the government towards trade with Hongkong. Some do not expect as much trouble as in Canton for there are no factories here and the labour unions are not very active.

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PIPE BURST.

WASTAGE OF WATER IN
QUEEN'S ROAD.

UNCHECKED FOR ONE HOUR.

There was a deplorable waste of water in the present restricted supply in the town area when the joint of a 10-inch rider main gave way at the junction of Queen's Road and Pottinger Street at 5.45 p.m. yesterday.

The trouble started at the head of a trench which runs down Queen's Road from this point and a stream started to flow down Pottinger Street. The windows of a jewelry shop at the corner were soon awash and the main torrent continued to shoot upwards, at first reaching as high as the first floor. Gradually the spout settled down in the direction of the trench and continued to flow unchecked for fully 50 minutes. It is estimated that during this time more than 50,000 gallons of water were wasted.

Both the Central Police Station and the Fire Brigade were informed by telephone within two minutes of the first signs being noticed, and it is understood that they immediately telephoned to the department concerned. Station Officer P. Condon and his men did everything possible to locate the valves, but without result, the position of these apparently being known only to the employees of the water department. At long last a turnkey from this department arrived, but he appeared to be perfectly ignorant and his efforts in trying to shut off the valves near by yielded nothing until the one at the top of Wyndham Street was tried when the flow was partially stopped.

The low-lying shops near the Tabanqueria Filipina were flooded with the torrent which flowed down the trench and across the road into the pavement. Emergency barricades had to be put across the doorway of these shops to keep away the water.

It was seen later when a gang of men came on the scene to carry out repairs that the packing of the joint had been blown away. The force of the rushing water undermined a portion of the roadway.

WEDDING.

BUCKLE—BAILEY.

A pretty Naval wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when the contracting parties were Lieut. Henry Buckle, H.M.S. "Titania," and Miss Eleanor K. Bailey, youngest daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Bailey. The bride, for the past two years, had been an assistant mistress at the Central British School.

She was given in marriage by Dr. Isaac Newton, and was charmingly attired in a dress of beige georgette and black hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended, as bridesmaid, by Miss Dorothy Peck, who wore a dress of mauve crepe, de chine, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of H.M.S. "Titania," assisted by the Rev. T. B. Powell, Lieut. Henley, H.M.S. "Ambrose" was "best man," whilst Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

Amongst the large number who were present in the Cathedral were about thirty of the bridegroom's fellow officers, and twenty bluejackets from H.M.S. "Titania." As the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral, they passed under an archway formed by the crossed swords of the naval officers. The motor-car in which the couple travelled was then drawn by the bluejackets as far as the entrance in Garden Road.

A reception was later held at No. 4, Queen's Gardens, after which Lieut. and Mrs. Buckle left for Fanning where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away costume was of white, with white coat and hat.

The young student lodging in Edinburgh brought a violin and started to play upon it.

His landlady, hearing the unusual sounds, appeared at the bottom of the stairs and shouted:—"Mr. Tam, what are ye daein'?" "Oh," said the student, "I'm trying a new violin I've just bought."

"Great goodness!" said the woman, "I thought ye was shiffin' the bed."—Montreal Witness.

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THE LONG BOW.

QUEER TALES FOR WORLD
TOURISTS.

A SHANGHAI EXAMPLE.

"Old Resident" writes to the "North China Daily News" as follows:—On last Saturday afternoon I was visiting a curio shop near Nantao when I was approached by a professional Chinese guide who quite evidently thought I was a "Belgian" tourist. As I was curious to learn what kind of information these gentry hand out to the tourists, I arranged with him for a complete tour of the Chinese City, cost \$1. Here are a few of the things he told me:—

"That all Chinese except the Christians smoke opium. He, of course, professed to be a Christian."

"That Shanghai is governed by the British Consul-General and that last summer the British army killed a great many Chinese."

"That Confucius lived 500 years ago and that the picture of this sage in the Rice Dealer's Guild was painted by Confucius himself."

"Confucius was born in Shanghai and the old janitor in the Rice Dealers' Guild was pointed out as a Confucian priest, a descendant of Confucius. He could confer good luck on me for the ridiculously cheap price of \$1. (We compromised on 40 cents.)"

"That only about half the Chinese girl babies are killed at birth. That there are no robbers in the Shanghai Chinese city as the heads of 200 of them were cut off only last week."

"That all rich Chinese have half a dozen or more wives. My informant, being a Christian, had only one."

"I don't know how much additional interesting information I could have received but at that instant we met another guide who has known me for the past ten years and the game was up. But I had had my dollar's worth."

"If that is the kind of rubbish the tourists get, how well informed they must be after a trip around the world!"



LOUISE KING & ARTHUR RICH

Arthur Rich, son of a millionaire steel manufacturer, is on trial in Battle Creek, Mich., for beating Louise King, formerly a student at the college he attended. The trouble started during a wild automobile party.

GAELIC COMEDY.

The revival of the Irish language, which is compulsory in the Free State schools, is having some amusing results.

At an election for a public post with a West of Ireland board, two candidates had to submit to an oral examination in the Irish tongue by two examiners.

The examination took place in front of the whole board, and after a number of questions had been asked and answered the examiners announced, in English, that both candidates had passed with flying colours.

Then a member of the council from Connemara, the only native speaker in the room, rose to his feet and declared calmly that he had listened carefully to the examination, and had come to the conclusion that not only did neither of the candidates know Irish, but their ignorance of the language was shared by both their examiners!

Man (with broken nose)—Can you tell me where Trafalgar Square lies?

Stranger—Yes, Take the first to the left then follow your nose. "You mean keep straight on." "No, turn to the right."

PETER WRIGHT.

EXPULSION FROM BATH
CLUB.

THE CORRESPONDENCE.

The controversy between Lord Gladstone and Captain Peter Wright, the author, as to the character of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone, has led to the expulsion of Captain Wright from the Bath Club, Dover-street, W.

It will be remembered that in a book Captain Wright made certain allegations as to the moral character of Mr. Gladstone, which led his son, Lord Gladstone, to describe Captain Wright in a letter to him, published at the time in "The Daily Mail" as a liar, a coward, and a fool, and to invite him to take legal proceedings for libel.

Correspondence has passed between the secretary of the Bath Club, Mr. J. Wilson Taylor, and Captain Wright, extracts from which will be found below.

The Committee's Decision. The first is a letter from the secretary to Captain Wright as follows:—

The Bath Club,
34, Dover-street, W.1.
October 19, 1925.

Dear Sir—I am directed to inform you that a special meeting of the general committee was held today. This meeting (of which you were given due notice in a letter in duplicate dated the 12th instant, one addressed to you to Ballam-street and the other left at the club) was summoned in accordance with Rule 43 to consider the further action to be taken in consequence of your not having adopted the recommendation of the general committee, conveyed to you in my letter of August 10, that you should resign your membership of the club. No letter from you in reply has been received.

The general committee at a special meeting held this day, at which 22 members were present, unanimously agreed by ballot to your expulsion as a member of the Bath Club.

I am accordingly directed to inform you of this decision, to notify you that you have ceased to be a member, that your name has been erased from the list, and that you are hereafter ineligible for election or for admission as a visitor to the club.

I am further directed to return the subscription for the current year (£12 12s.).

J. Wilson Taylor, Secretary.
Captain Peter Wright, 113, Ballam-st., Portland-place, W.1.

P.S.—I am instructed by the board of directors to include in the cheque the value of the entrance fee paid by you in 1900, viz. £7 17s. 6d.

Capt. Wright's Reply.
Captain Wright replied to the president of the club, Lord Desborough, as follows:—

October 20, 1925.
To the Lord Desborough,
Taplow Court, Taplow.

My Lord—I write to you as president of the Bath Club and one of the chief proprietors. By a letter dated October 19 the secretary informs me that the general committee of the club, of which you are chairman, have expelled me under Rule 43.

Now Rule 43, under which I am expelled from the club, states quite explicitly that the demand for resignation, which precedes the expulsion, can only take place "after inquiry."

These, two words, "after inquiry," when they occur in this connection, have an extremely precise meaning, for they have been the subject of judicial definition. Should they occur in such a rule there is no doubt how a committee should act when the conduct of a member is complained of and before they do and his resignation. They ought to see what that conduct has been and what excuse or reason can be given by the member for it, and they ought to give notice to that member that his conduct is about to be inquired into, and offer him an opportunity of stating his case.

By a letter dated August 10 the secretary of the club asked me on behalf of the general committee for my resignation and informed me that the grounds for this demand were the correspondence between Lord Gladstone and myself and the matter therein discussed. Whatever this charge may mean, the committee had never seen, nor tried to see, what excuse or reason I could give for my conduct.

The committee never gave me any notice at all that they were going to inquire into the conduct for which they expelled me. The committee never offered me an opportunity of stating my case at all.

In his letter of July 30 the secretary—as you will find by referring to it—suggests that the matter complained of was my use of the club address in my controversy with Lord Gladstone. If you will refer to



ELEANOR RAINKE

Eleanor Rainke, a New York show girl, was awarded £500 damages after showing a scar on her leg to the jury. She said the mark, suffered in a motor accident, prevented her from displaying her shapely limbs on the stage.

my answer, you will find I understand his letter in this sense, which is indeed its true meaning.

But this matter of complaint in his letter of July 30 is other and different than the alleged motive of my expulsion on August 10. This again was certainly calculated, and possibly designed, to deprive me of any opportunity of stating my case.

Furthermore, assuming (and it is a very considerable assumption) that the secretary's letter of July 30 was any kind of notice, then I was given notice on one charge and expelled on another and different charge.

Under the wording of Rule 43 of the club rules, I had a legal right to give an excuse or reason for this correspondence and, to receive notice that it was to be inquired into, and to be given an opportunity of stating my case. This legal right you and the other proprietors of the Bath Club have violated.

The total absence of all judicial method and spirit in your proceedings inevitably raises the suspicion that the accusation on which you have expelled me is a pretext; for, if made in good faith, that same good faith would have impelled you to make some sort of inquiry. Your action looks more like an act of malice than an act of justice. My friends in the club tell me this very natural conclusion is a fact.

I further observe that Lord Gladstone is himself a member of the general committee.

In any event, whatever the motive may have been, your disregard of the unequivocal, peremptory, and emphatic text of Rule 43 is, in my opinion, capricious and not bona fide. If this opinion is right, you and the other proprietors of the Bath Club are liable to me in damages.

I am your Lordship's obedient servant,

(Signed) PETER E. WRIGHT.
The secretary of the club replied on October 26.

Dear Sir—I am directed by Lord Desborough to acknowledge your letter of the 20th instant.

I am instructed to say that your case was considered at two meetings of the general committee specially called for the purpose, and that you had from August 10 to October 19 to make any representations you thought proper.

I am to add that Lord Desborough is not prepared to reopen the matter with the committee.

J. WILSON TAYLOR,
Secretary.

CAPTAIN PETER WRIGHT.
Finally Captain Wright sent a letter to the secretary on October 27, in which he said:—

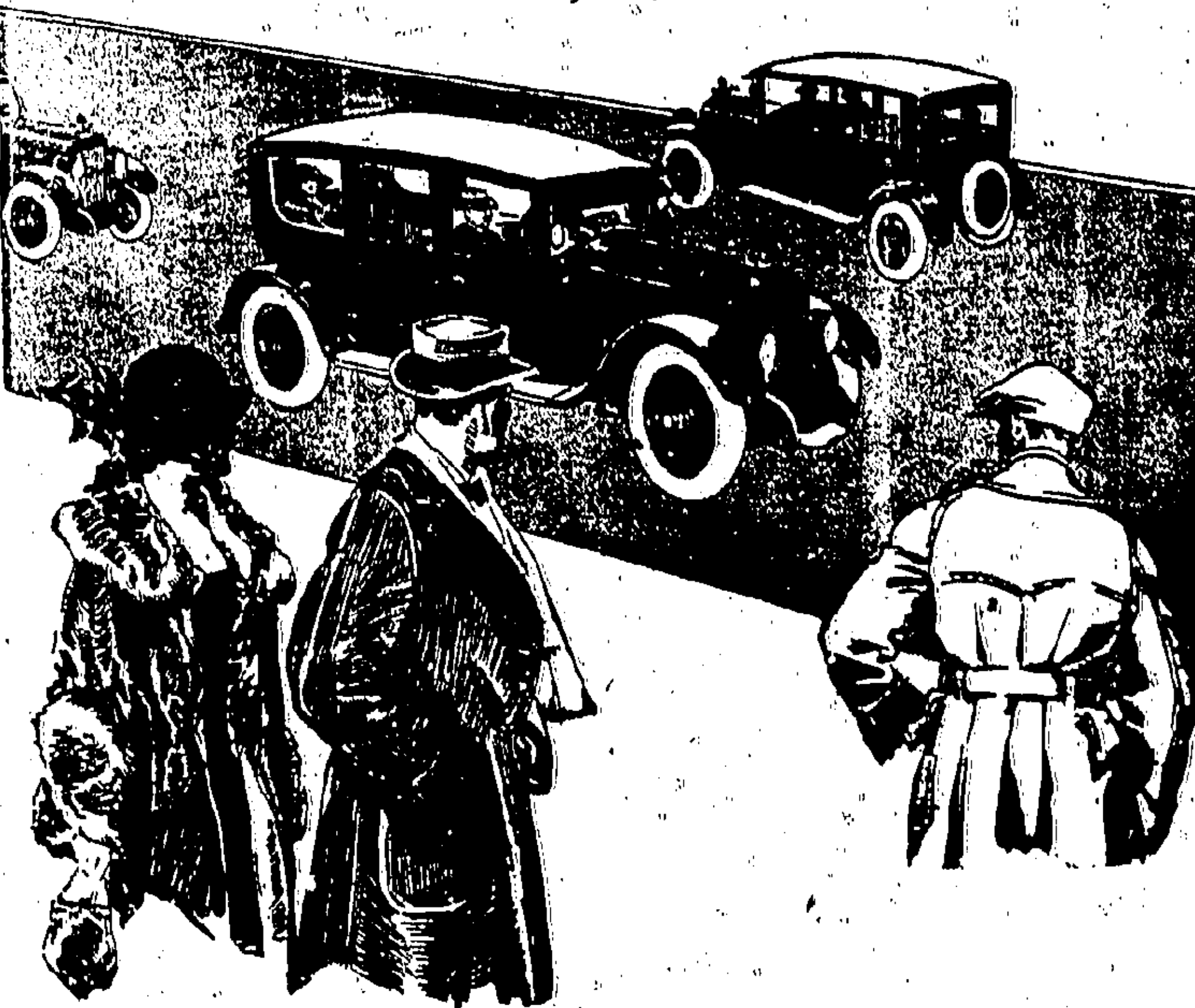
Dear Sir—Thank you for your letter of October 26.

Lord Desborough's explanation, as given by you, seems to me to aggravate rather than lessen the injury. For it is an arbitrary and illegitimate interpretation of the rules, and I can hardly believe it is sincere. He cannot really think the trial should come after the sentence. He must know quite well that I should have been allowed to make such representations as you mention before being recommended to resign, instead of being deprived of all opportunity of doing so.

PETER E. WRIGHT.
Captain Wright informed "The Daily Mail" that he was taking legal opinion with a view to action against the committee of the Bath Club.

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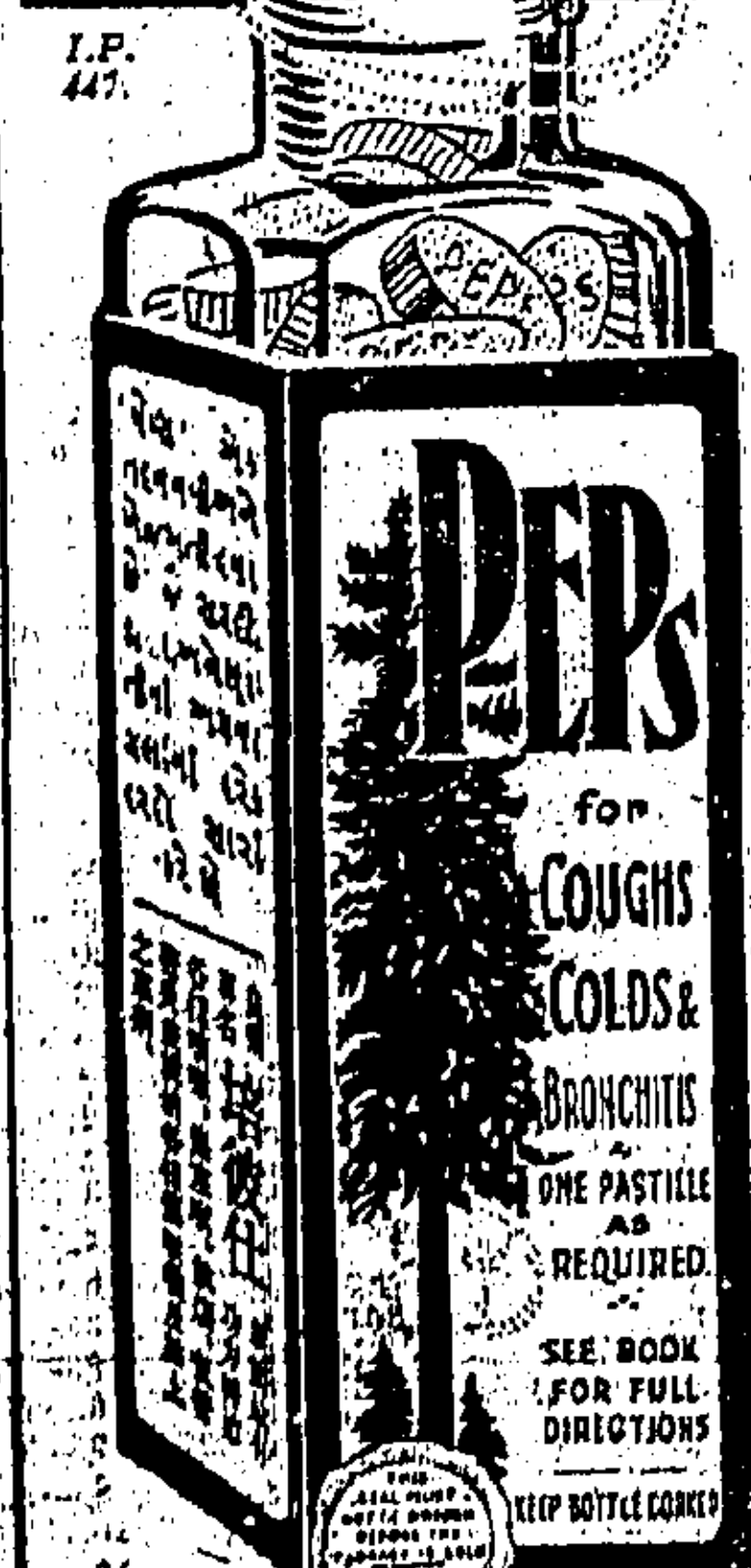
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SIR A. MOND'S DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25.

Sir Alfred Mond (M.P. for Carmarthen) has severed his connection with the Liberal Party.

In a letter written to Lord Oxford announcing his decision, Sir A. Mond says that all efforts to re-vivify and reorganise the Liberal forces have been rendered hopeless by the introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's land policy, which has produced a new and profound cleavage in the Liberal ranks.

Sir A. Mond also announces his intention to join a party with which he can feel he can most usefully co-operate, namely, the Conservatives.

[Sir Alfred Mond is Chairman of the Mond Nickel Co. and a Director of Brunner, Mond and Co. and of the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Co. He is Chairman of the Power Gas Corporation; of the Economic Board for Palestine; of Henry Wiggin and Co., Ltd.; and of the Amalgamated Anthracite Collieries, Ltd. He was born at Farnworth, Lancashire, on October 23, 1868, and was Liberal M.P. for Chester from 1906 to 1910, for Swansea from 1910 to 1923, being elected for Carmarthen in August, 1924. He was First Commissioner of Works from 1906 to 1910 and Minister of Health in 1921-22.]

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Delhi, Jan. 25.

The last vestiges of opposition to the Shrines Management Act have now subsided.

Twenty of the principal leaders of the Sikh extremists on trial have given the necessary undertaking to work under the Act and refrain from direct action as regards the shrines. They were consequently acquitted.

MR. JUSTICE EVE.

AMUSING EXPLANATION OF HIS "TORTURE."

Mr. Justice Eve was in merry mood when he was the guest of honour of the Authors' Club, at 2, White-hall-court. After having confessed that he was not an author, and that he had never written, nor attempted to write, a book, he said:

However, here I am, and perhaps I might utilise the opportunity of clearing my character from a suggestion lately bruited abroad through the "usual channels" that I on a recent occasion, of malice aforethought, did instigate and incite certain persons feloniously to kill and slay, by drowning in a bath—the joint use of which was a subject of dispute between residents of adjoining flats before me—certain budding Mozarts and Paderewskis, whose satisfaction at extracting horrible noises from a so-called musical instrument is in inverse proportion to the misery and pain they inflict on those listening to them.

Let me assure any of you who are mothers that I have no infanticidal inclinations, and, if I have to confess that I prefer dogs to children, it is mainly because the dogs do not play me with embarrassing questions on indelicate matters. They don't argue with me, and they don't contradict me, and we grow old together without their appreciating what a fraudulent ignoramus I am.

Referring to his caravan holidays, Mr. Justice Eve said that when he started caravanning in 1880 it was not a fashionable craze, and he had many interesting adventures. He was mistaken for a herbalist, an actor, a prize fighter, a theatrical manager, a thinker, and a hawk—never for an author.

In the case he referred to Mr. Justice Eve said: "It is the torture of the damned to me to hear children playing the piano. I should like to drown them, but I cannot do that."

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"ALFORD"	5,273	2nd Feb.	Singapore and Bombay
"DELTA"	5,697	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"MALWA"	10,441	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"NAGPURA"	5,583	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,900	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	20th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	22nd Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	24th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	26th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	28th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	30th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay

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"SANTHA"	8,500	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,900	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	8,500	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,900	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	Manila, Iloilo, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	8,958	5th Feb.	Iloilo, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
"A. AFURA"	8,000	7th Feb.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	11th Feb.	do.
"A. AFURA"	8,000	13th Feb.	do.

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The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TALAMBA"	8,018	2nd Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,502	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	8,958	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,900	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	16th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,689	30th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Alla Nazimova, exotic star of the stage and screen, has admitted that she and Charles Bryant, supposedly man and wife for fourteen years, never had been wedded. Bryant, recently wedded another, stated he never had been married.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on Jan. 24 at 10.30 a.m. left Shanghai yesterday at 10 a.m. and is due at Kobe to-morrow at 4 p.m.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Siberia Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 23 and sailed yesterday, being due at Hongkong Feb. 3.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at 1 a.m. on Feb. 5.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Kina" remaining undelivered after today will be subject to suit. Agents—John Manners & Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamport Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 22 to 28, 1926.

Hour	High Water	Low Water
1	5.1	1.1
2	5.2	1.2
3	5.3	1.3
4	5.4	1.4
5	5.5	1.5
6	5.6	1.6
7	5.7	1.7
8	5.8	1.8
9	5.9	1.9
10	6.0	2.0
11	6.1	2.1
12	6.2	2.2
13	6.3	2.3
14	6.4	2.4
15	6.5	2.5
16	6.6	2.6
17	6.7	2.7
18	6.8	2.8
19	6.9	2.9
20	7.0	3.0
21	7.1	3.1
22	7.2	3.2
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24	7.4	3.4
25	7.5	3.5
26	7.6	3.6
27	7.7	3.7
28	7.8	3.8
29	7.9	3.9
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MALAYA'S FUTURE.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Sir Laurence N. Guillemard, the High Commissioner for the Federated Malay States, made an important announcement at a meeting of the Federal Council, in connection with devolution proposals for the States, rumours concerning which have agitated the whole peninsula for many months. The chief change now proposed involves the virtual abolition of the Federated Malay States Chief Secretary's office as at present constituted, though its holder, Sir William G. Maxwell, is not criticised.

The High Commissioner claimed that if the proposals alter the letter of the treaty of Federation they would get back the spirit of earlier treaties. He admitted that there was controversy and that opposition was probable.

He dismissed current rumours crediting Great Britain with the intention of annexing the States, and he also denied the rumour that there might be a fusion of the States with Singapore Colony. The attitude of the native rulers, which is the acid test, has not been revealed by the Upper Chamber.

The future position of the Sultan is an eventuality that will have to be considered if the devolution proposals go through.

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January 26.	January 26.
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Mr. N. G. Bost	Mr. F. S. Odum
Mr. W. R. Bookrill	Mr. H. P. Pagan
Mr. W. A. Dowley	Mr. G. P. Pagan
Mr. G. A. Fafai	Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Priestley
Mr. W. Hago	Mr. K. Roth
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Misses A. and F. Hamilton	Mr. T. S. Smith
Mr. J. R. Joseph	Mr. C. B. Thompson
Mr. G. Kingston	Mr. W. W. Wages
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lacom	Mr. B. Wylie

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

January 6.

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Miss Adkins	Mr. Lamont
Mr. and Mrs. Van	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
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Mr. Bannerman	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bost	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. C.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. D. D. D.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. E.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. F. F. F.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
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Mr. and Mrs. I. I. I.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. J.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. K. K. K.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. L.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. M.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. N. N. N.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. O. O. O.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. P. P. P.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. Q. Q. Q.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. R.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. S.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. T. T. T.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. U. U. U.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. V. V. V.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. W.	Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
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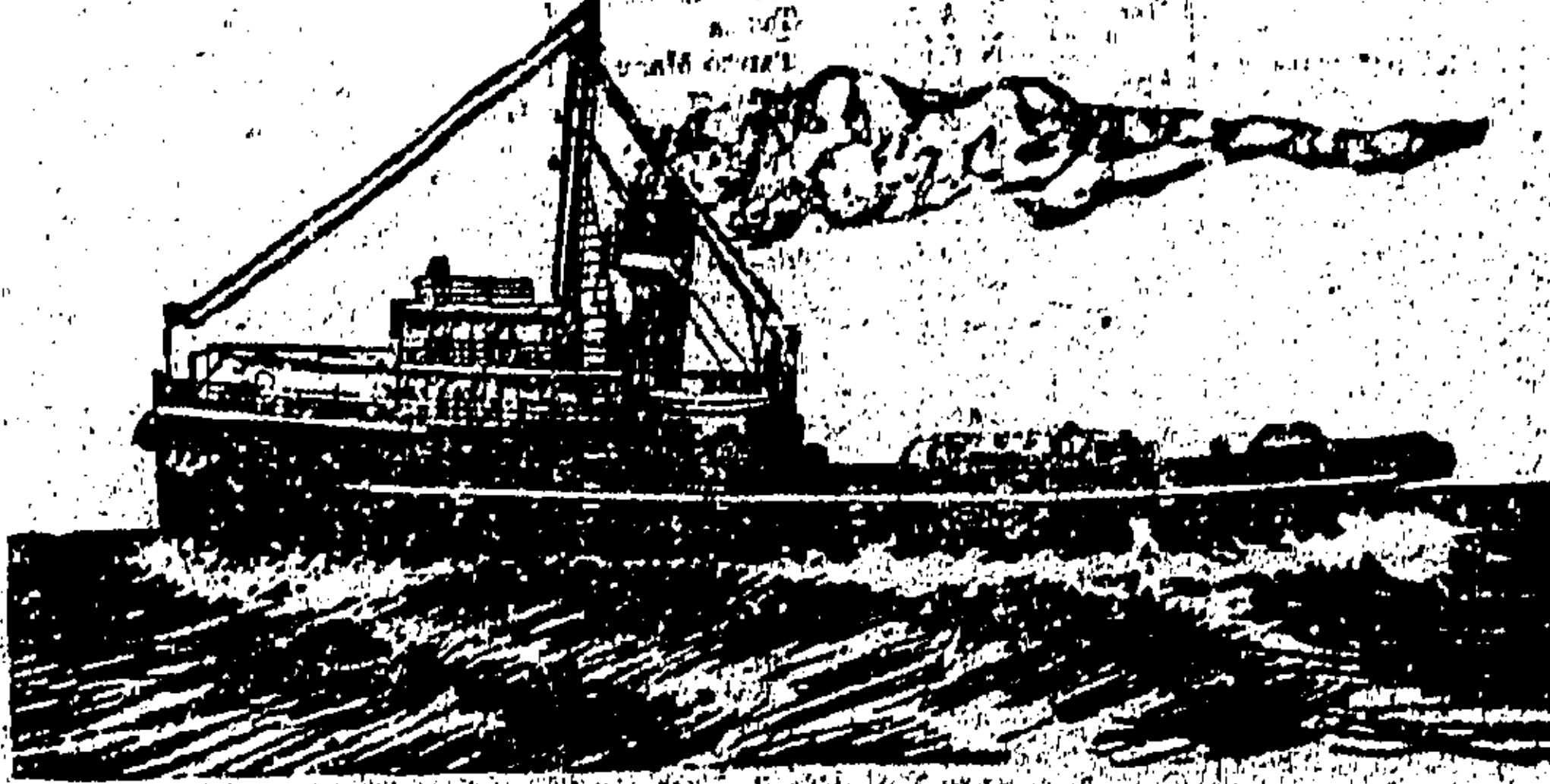
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CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

KANAGAWA MARU Saturday, 30th January.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 17th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SUWA MARU Wednesday, 27th Jan., at 5 p.m.

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A TURN OF THE WHEEL.

When Sir Edward Stubbs arrived at Singapore on his way home to receive his new appointment as Governor of Jamaica he was approached by the representative of a Straits paper for an interview regarding conditions in China. Sir Edward replied that the request was a very difficult one to comply with, as he had been on the high seas for five days and was out of touch with events in the troubled republic. This was no polite attempt to evade being interviewed—Sir Edward was courtesy itself in answering the reporter's questions—but was simply a statement of cold fact. Five days can see the most startling changes in the Chinese political situation—the enemies of yesterday the friends of to-day, and the friends of to-day the potential enemies of to-morrow. One week Wu Peifu is a spent force, the next he is heading a powerful new alliance. From almost absolute power Chang Tso-lin topples to the brink of ruin—a turn of the wheel and he is as strong as ever again. Thus it is with "every leading figure in China to-day. Nobody can predict what the morrow will bring. Five weeks or five days may see the stage swept clean and a new set of actors strutting before the limelight.

But if this has been the rule for the actors in the grim farce, the setting so far has been left undisturbed. The Powers have held aloof, and so far have not been forced to intervene. Russia is the only one who has taken a hand in the game to any extent, and her action has been confined to underground intrigue. But now there is a change, and ironically enough Russia is the nation concerned. For the moment it seems that the Chinese are not to be left to play out the game by themselves. The stage is no longer left free for the warlords to spin out their own little intrigues. They have called down the wrath of Russia, and they have brought an outsider into the game.

But like so many of the turns of the wheel, this one it seems will have no abiding results. Russia is playing her own little game, and

that game is largely bluff. How far she feels can force the issue is rather a matter for interest than for anxiety. Russia is prepared to play with fire in China as anywhere else, but she is not ready to brook the international consequences that would follow the passing of a certain point. Although this latest turn of the wheel is like to have no direct outcome, it may, as a further touch of irony, have at least one good result. The other Powers have nothing in common with Russia, but they cannot fail to benefit from the sharp lesson which Russia's action must prove to the warlords who are only too apt to forget that the Powers cannot be bearded with impunity for ever. Thus, without entering into the merits of the present dispute, it can be said that Russia's action is doubly ironical in a land where amazing political events happen almost every week.

SANCTITY OF CONTRACT.

It is a privilege to pay tribute to one of the best utterances—among many in a single evening—by a public man, ever made in Hongkong. On the eve of Mr. Holyoak's entrance to the life of the Legislative Council it was said of him that he possessed that rare art—the gift of self-expression of the most lucid kind. That has been borne out on many an occasion, and was never more revealed than it was on Saturday, when the chairman and representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in a speech to business men in embryo dealt with one of the cardinal principles of business life—truth and the sanctity of contracts—with a directness and sincerity beyond all praise. Pilate's question on truth remains a classicism. Mr. Holyoak accepts truth on its common interpretation and reminds us all—the individual and the nation—that it is only truth that makes a nation eternal. By precept the University teaches and stands for this fact. In so far as its Commerce course is concerned we have Professor Hinton's words that the commerce taught by the department is bound up with truth and honour. Naturally, the course can not be wholly practical—the larger issues are to be acquired in the counting house and in the markets—but on the theoretical side there must ever be the insistence on the sanctity of the contract whether it be in the nature of the spoken or written word. The Chinese merchant from time immemorial has been famous for the observance of his verbal undertaking. The early text books and travel books dealing with China have insisted on this to such an extent that the mind has become accustomed to this early picture of integrity. The picture may have become dimmed somewhat by examples to the contrary, but we shall be right in suggesting that in the main the members of the great merchant class of China have been true to their bond. Mr. Holyoak from an experience of twenty-five years, can speak convincingly of what he knows and can say how well the nations of China and Britain have carried truth and honour into effect. The abandonment of these great principles brings corruption and destruction. There is no need here to cite examples in support of this elementary contention. The Commerce Course at the University is based on sound principles and has nothing to do with what is popularly known as "legalised piracy." It is to the credit of the University that it has initiated and maintained the course and that it

is out to emphasise the sanctity of those things, without which it would be impossible to carry on and maintain at its full vigour the trade and commerce of nations.

Bolshevik Emisseries.

In a leading article on the new Emergency Ordinance in the Straits Settlements, the "Straits Times" gives strong support to the measures to be adopted in cases of emergency or public danger, pointing to the experiences of Hongkong as a most useful precedent. It reminds its readers that there are tens of thousands of Chinese in the Straits who are members of secret societies, and that thousands of these possess such deadly weapons as automatic pistols. "Common sense tells us," says our contemporary, "that we ought to be prepared, because the south of China is swarming with emissaries of Bolshevism, which cherishes a furious hatred of all things British, and has already found the ignorant classes of Chinese ready tools for its purpose." It recalls that in a petition recently presented to the Straits Governor by the master tailors of Singapore there were given the names of men sent there from Canton to foment labour trouble, and no one should be under any delusion that they proceeded there as friends of labour. They went simply as enemies of British institutions, and labour is merely the tool they are using. Moreover, nine-tenths of those who are serving the Bolshevist emissaries are Chinese aliens in the Straits, and the "Straits Times" asks: "Have aliens any right to enter our territory and dictate the terms on which they will work? Have Bolshevists any right to order employers living under British law to obey some Moscow or Canton commands? We decidedly say no, and we want a law strong enough to snuff out the impertinence as soon as it appears." It is evident that the lessons gained from the experiences of Hongkong have not been lost so far as our sister Colony is concerned, and that in itself is all to the good.

DISARMAMENT.

FRANCO-BRITISH TALK IN PARIS.

CLEARING THE AIR.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 25.
Reports from Paris state that whilst passing through Paris on his return journey from Rappallo to London Sir Austen Chamberlain will confer with the French Premier, M. Briand. It is assumed that the conversations will cover various outstanding questions such as the German disarmament measures and the German request for a reduction of the occupation army.

The French newspapers are discussing the likelihood of a postponement of the preparatory conference on general disarmament, which is scheduled to meet at Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations on February 15.

Although no wish for postponement has been expressed by the British Government, which is in readiness to proceed with the work of the conference, it would doubtless agree if such a course appeared desirable.

GERMANY ACCEPTS.

NEW CABINET MAKES DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 25.
The Cabinet has decided to accept the League of Nations' invitation to Germany to participate in the preliminary Disarmament Conference.

PRESS REPORT.

MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 25.
"Le Matin" understands that the main item in the next conversations between M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain will probably be the postponement of the preliminary disarmament conference.

Meanwhile, the French Government is endeavouring to bring about a diplomatic rapprochement between Russia and Switzerland.

U.S. NAVY.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 25.
The House of Representatives has passed the Navy Appropriation Bill, providing for the expenditure of approximately three hundred million dollars.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

"There's nothing like a happy song to cheer the way," a hymn has it. A difference of opinion is shown, by the following regarding a Labour song.

"The Red Flag" is not good enough. . . . If I were a middle-class Tory, I should be perfectly certain that the Labour Party would never conquer so long as it marches to that sort of music—Ramsay MacDonald.

"The Red Flag" stirs the blood. It wakens the soul. It fills the spirit. It may not be classical music. It may not be high-class poetry; but it fills the bill—Ben Turner (chairman of the "Daily Herald" Directors).

..... this wretched ditty. "The Red Flag," with its cheap rhetoric and doleful tune, is utterly banal throughout. Long since dead sentiment must not be allowed to defer the interment. Norman D. Shacht.

If some of our leaders are getting too respectable to have any use for "The Red Flag," the Labour women of Merthyr are still going to remain loyal to it. Resolution passed by the Merthyr I.L.P. Women's Group.

I think "The Red Flag" will live for a bit yet.—Jim Connell (who wrote the words).

"Jazz" has played itself out, and, at the risk of appearing Victorian, I may say that I, for one, am ready to dance at its funeral.—Billy Merson.

Jazz is going to be the music of the future. I will go further, and say that jazz is going to be the opera of the future. If any composer can come to me with a well-developed jazz opera I will produce it at the Metropolitan Opera House as a national duty.—Otto Kahn.

"I like 'jazz,' not as pure music, but as a curiosity.—Serge Kusnezvitzky.

Everybody who loves dancing and dance music will agree with Mr. Billy Merson's attack on "jazz." But "jazz" has been dead for at least four years.—Con-

ductor of the Savoy Orpheans. "Jazz" is not dying.—Conductor of the London Sonora Band.

"Jazz" is not deeply rooted in the affections of the people. It is like an over-spiced sauce, added to an old bone. I can listen to it for ten minutes, but after that I am in despair. I think the day of "jazz" is over.—Bruno Walter.

Those who like DISCOVERED. Their "literary" fare well peppered should be interested in the identity of one "Victoria Cross."

..... John Davidson, a true poet and fine critic, lived through many years of financial hardship, only to die by his own hand in despair at his failure. Davidson often acted as a reader for John Lane. One day he wrote to the publisher that he had just finished reading a novel of rare passion and power—the naked and unashamed work, probably, of a woman mature with erotic experience. Lane wrote to the author—Miss Vivian Cory—stated that he wanted to publish the book, but that there were certain rather questionable passages in the work which required discussion. "Imagine my surprise," said Lane in telling the story, "when a girl of about 17 was ushered in. My dear young lady, I said, 'It's the author of this book that I wanted to see; I can't discuss such things with a child like you.' But, Mr. Lane, replied this astonishing young person, 'I am the author.' And so it proved. Lane advised her to use a pen-name and it was he who invented for her—from her initials—"Victoria Cross." The novel in question was called "To-morrow."

There was once A FAIRY STORY? a certain Princess who could not keep her temper. She was exhorated by the Queen, to say the Lord's Prayer through slowly whenever she felt a fit of rage coming on.

The same afternoon the sound of crashing furniture brought the Queen hurrying into the room to find the Princess scolding with rage and a bruised governess moaning in the corner. "You didn't do what I ordered," said the Queen sternly. "I did, Ma," said the Princess. "If I hadn't I should have broken her blooming neck."

BRITAIN'S NEED.

GREAT ECONOMIES MUST BE SECURED.

PRIME MINISTER'S APPEAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, in a speech at the Unionist Association dinner in London, said that unless great economies were secured an increase in taxation this year or next, whatever Government was in power, will be inevitable.

The Premier thankfully noted the hopeful signs of trade improvement. He declared that economies must be made involving the sacrifices not only of luxuries but of things almost in the category of necessities. He stated that the eyes of their opponents were fixed more on spending rather than saving, and the Government would need the stoutest support of all its friends in forgoing the same.

He claimed a record year for legislation, enumerating the satisfactory measures for settling foreign and domestic difficulties, in which social reform had a prominent place.

MITCHELL CASE.

SENTENCE MODIFIED BY COOLIDGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 25.

President Coolidge has modified the court-martial sentence on Colonel Mitchell and ruled that he should receive full army allowance and half pay, amounting to \$397 per month, during his suspension.

[The Court Martial upheld all eight counts charged against Mitchell, finding him guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good order of military discipline, insubordination, and utterances contemptuous to the United States War and Navy Departments. He was suspended for five years.]

WORLD COURT.

HISTORIC DEBATE IN U.S. SENATE.

NEARING THE END.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 25.

The Senate, has, by 68 votes to 26, adopted a motion applying the closure, thus ensuring a final vote in the debate on adherence to the World Court within a few days.

KU KLUX KLAN OPPOSED. To-day's debate was led by Senator Robinson, who, retorting to interruptions, said that the whole Ku Klux Klan was opposed to American membership of the World Court. Senator Robinson in this connection mentioned Senator Reed, but the latter promptly denied that he was in any way concerned with the Ku Klux Klan, nor had he knowledge of its relation to the question.

[Reuter cabled on Saturday: Opponents of the World Court have been holding the floor by incessant oratory. Thus, the Government is somewhat concerned as apparently the delegates must sail not later than February 6. Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, announced that a rule limiting the debate would be invoked unless agreement for fixing the time of the roll-call was reached. The "New York Times" advises that Vice-President Daves should cease the campaign against rules in the Senate because the Senate itself by persistently blocking public business is the best argument for the necessity of revising them. It declares that the Senate has already made itself appear "helpless, drifting, futile." The minority, taking advantage of the absolute rules, threatens to prevent not only a vote on the World Court but also the passage of the Tax Bill before the Senate.]

On a charge of misconduct in the carrying out of his duties, an Indian constable was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning and remanded for three days under medical observation.

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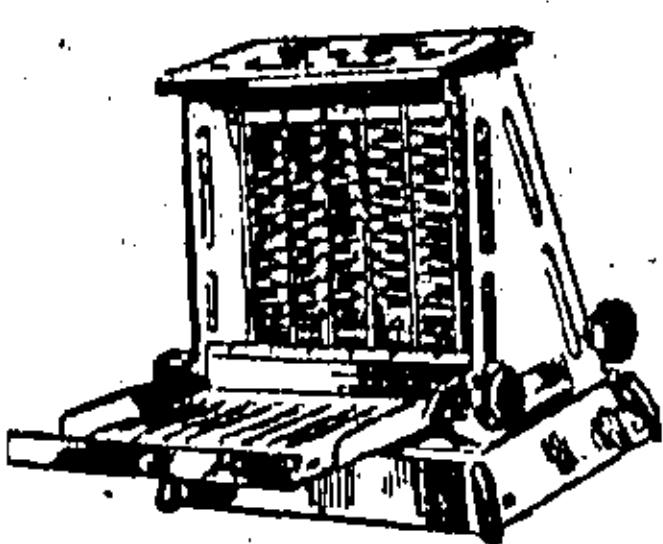
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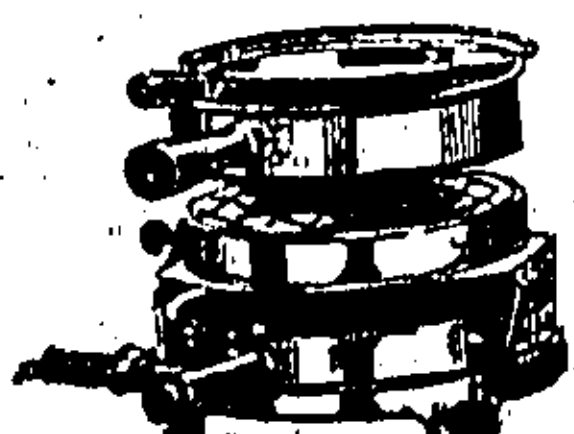
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LAST NIGHT'S SUITABLE CELEBRATION.

SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE.

SPEAKERS ON POSSIBLE LOCAL COMPETITIONS.

Honour was done in suitable manner last night to the memory of Scotland's national poet by local Scots. The human sympathy and personality of the immortal bard was evidenced in the convivial nature of the gathering and his charm of conversation, the reputation of which was referred to in the course of the evening, might be said to have been reflected in the powers of speech of those who rose to address the gathering after dinner.

The Chairman of St. Andrew's Society, Dr. G. D. R. Black, proposed "The King" and after the toast had been honoured he called on Mr. W. Kay.

"The Immortal Memory."

Proposing "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns," Mr. W. Kay said: In the first place allow me to thank you for the great honour you have conferred on me to-night, an honour of which anyone but especially a Scot, is bound to be proud. It is a distinction but also a task, seeing that to say anything new about Burns is almost an impossibility. For instance, just consider what is happening to-night. Four or five hours ago Scots in Fiji were probably beginning the 1926 Burns celebrations. These were followed by the many Scots in New Zealand, Eastern Australia, and Japan. Brother Scots in Shanghai started, along with us, and at the present moment those in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies will be assembling. From there, the Burns fiery cross will speed by Rangoon and Mandalay to many towns in India and be hailed with joy wherever Scotsmen are gathered together.

While we are sleeping off the effects of to-night's potations and emotions, tens of thousands of Burns enthusiasts in the Old Country and South Africa will be celebrating this date and when these are wending their way home in the ship's holds, many of our admirers in Canada and the States will be taking up the tale. Indeed, it may be truly said that on January 25, the moon never sets on Burns' Supper's applause. Speeches about the poet and his works are usually delivered at these functions and as this has been happening for very many years now you will realise how little remains to be said about the Ayrshire bard. So, gentlemen, to-night I shall rather ask the why and wherefore of this universal homage to Burns.

Scotland has produced many distinguished men, yet their anniversaries pass by unheeded; England and Ireland have scores of heroes and poets, but neither the English nor the Irish have a function corresponding to our Burns Night. Therefore it would appear that these numerous Burns gatherings all over the world are more than a tribute to the man's genius and intense sympathy. To me it seems that they are an expression of thanks. Let me explain.

Wallace and Burns.

Among the illustrious sons of Scotland, two are generated above all others—Wallace and Burns. The reason for this, gentlemen, is because these two, on different occasions, saved her from extinction. At the end of the thirteenth century, when our country lay crushed and bleeding under the iron heel of Edward I, Wallace appeared, and at the cost of his own life, resurrected his country. What the patriot did then, the poet may be said to have achieved five hundred years later. At the end of the eighteenth century Scottish national life was practically non-existent; the country was exhausted after a century of political and religious strife; she was in bad odour on account of the two Jacobite rebellions which, though abortive, had nevertheless given John Bull a nasty fright. Her parliament was defunct; all symbols of her royalty were gone; as we can see by reading the works of Johnson and Swift, Englishmen despised Scotsmen; and if the truth must be told, a great many Scots were ashamed of their nationality (cries of "Shame!")

Scotland had at that time some gifted writers such as Adam Smith, David Hume, and Robertson the historian, authors of world-wide repute, but these took the greatest pains to write meticulously correct English and dreaded nothing so much as the mischance of a Scottishism or a Scottish idiom creeping into their writings. Just when the Scottish dialect seemed in danger of perishing, Burns appeared, as if dropped from the clouds, to render that dialect classical, to show Scotland she still had a soul, and to vindicate his country's claim to recognition. The publication of the new famous

Kilmarnock edition, for which the poet received a paltry £20, gave Scotland a pleasant shock and Scotsmen a giddy conceit of themselves a conceit which, I am pleased to say, they have never since lost (laughter and here, here).

Scottish Nationalism.

From that red-letter day in our history, June, 1786, the tide of Scottish nationalism, then at a dangerously low ebb, set in, and, gentlemen, it is up to us to see that it does not begin to recede in our day. As Principal Shairp says: "No wonder the peasantry of Scotland loved Burns as perhaps people never loved a poet. He interpreted them to themselves and to others, and this too in their own language made musical and glorified by genius. He made the poorest ploughman proud of his station and of his toil since Robbie Burns had shared and sung them." In him the Scottish people have seen an impersonation of themselves on a large scale. If Scotsmen of to-day love and cherish their country with a pride unknown to their ancestors of the 18th century, if strangers look on Scotland as a land of romance, this we owe to a great measure to Burns (here, here). That is why I say, gentlemen, these gatherings on Burns anniversary are of a thanksgiving nature.

To-day Burns is admired on account of his poems, more especially the songs, but all who had the good fortune to speak with him say that his conversational powers were even more amazing than his poetic gifts. One Edinburgh hostess said: "None ever outshone Burns in the society of fascinating conversation, spontaneous eloquence, and brilliant repartee." She then goes on to describe the almost superhuman beauty of his voice and eyes, those black balls of fire that electrified all on whom they rested. The Duchess of Gordon, Queen of Scottish Society then, the friend of Pitt, and acquainted with all the most brilliant men of that time, said of Burns: "No man's conversation ever carried me so completely off my feet." Professors and learned doctors were alike impressed but, alas, there remains only the reputation of that wonderful gift of speech. The greatest of all biographies was written by a Scotsman about an Englishman. What a pity Burns had no Boswell dogging his footsteps to preserve for posterity that eloquence and wit, especially during the one crowded hour of glorious life in Edinburgh when the star of Burns shone brightest. However, gentlemen, we still have his poems and my advice to you is, read them. The ignorance of many Scotsmen about the life and words of Burns is deplorable and disgraceful. Far too many of our countrymen have a hazy, second-hand knowledge of the poet and are Burnsites one day or rather one night per year—on nights date.

A Local Question.

I think it would be a good thing if our St. Andrew's Society made it a rule that no one could join unless he possessed a copy of Burns poems and could prove to a Board of Examiners that he knew something of the contents (laughter and loud applause). That may sound a bit drastic but I certainly think that no one should be allowed to (or have the nerve to) sit on the committee who does not have a well thumbed copy of our poet. Of course, gentlemen, I am casting no reflections on the members of the present excellent committee. And you fathers here to-night, what do your bairns ken about Burns and his dialect? Are you letting them grow up ignorant of the tongue of their forefathers, and is the priceless heritage of Scottish song, ballad, and story to be a closed book to them? Here I think the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society can be of use. In many parts of Scotland the Burns and Scott societies give prizes to the scholars who write the best essays on Burns and Scott subjects. Surely it is not beyond the means of a powerful society like ours to do something similar for the bairns of this Colony. I am sure my friend Professor Simpson, a staunch Scot from Aberfeldy, will be only too pleased to do what he can to help in such a laudable scheme. I hope the members of the committee will consider the suggestion.

Besides knowing the poems of Burns, every Scot worthy of the name should be familiar with Carlyle's magnificent essays on Burns—one of the best things Carlyle ever wrote—and Lord Rosebery's speeches made at Dumfries and Glasgow. With your permission I shall conclude with a brief quotation from the most eloquent of living Scotsmen. His lordship says: "Burns' honour in his lifetime but his fame has rolled on like a snowball since his death, and still rolls on. That generous and immortal soul pervades the universe to-day. In the humming city and in the crowd of man; in the backwood and in the swamp; where the sentinel paces the bleak frontier and where the sailor smokes his even-

"FLYING" VISITS.

AEROPLANE FOR LORD STONEHAVEN.

NOVELTY FOR GOVERNOR.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 25.

An aeroplane is under construction in England for the recently appointed Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven.

The machine is a De Havilland 50 biplane, fitted with a 230 H.P. Siddley Puma engine.

There is a cabin with seats for four passengers, and the machine will be used by the Governor-General on his official visits throughout Australia.

It can be quickly converted from a land-plane with wheels to a seaplane with floats.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

SEAPLANE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Las Palmas, Jan. 25.

The Spanish aviators, Major Franco and Captain Ruiz de Alda, have arrived at Gando, in the Canary Islands, on their way from Melilla to South America.

ing pipe; and above all where the farmer and his men pursue their summer toil whether under the Stars and Stripes or under the Union Jack, the thought and sympathy of men are directed to Burns. His true life began with his death; with his body passed away all that was gross and impure; the dear spirit stood revealed and soared at once to its accepted place among the fixed stars in the firmament of the rare immortals' cloud and prolonged applause.

"The Lassies."

Proposing the toast of "The Lassies," Mr. J. Walker said that if the spirits of Burns could be with them he would find there many kindred spirits, all ready to admit the same weakness for the lassies. It might seem a paradox but the more we learned about them the less we were likely to understand them. They might say that in the lassies they had contradiction contradicted. But when troubled with all the care and strife of the world, to whom did we go for comfort and sympathy? To the lassies. But who had caused all care and strife? The lassies. (Laughter.) Still as the flapper of 16 said, there were compensations and in the Hongkong lassies there were compensations, although the only trouble he had found was that there were not enough from North of the Tweed. There were cigarettes, cocktails and shingles to compensate and the ladies to brighten an otherwise dull existence. The lassies were as the sugar to the toddy. (Laughter and applause.) Dr. John Morrison replied and said Mr. Walker had given such a brilliant display of pointed aphorisms that he would like to ask him if he had any relations in Kilmarnock. (Laughter.) Burns had written a lot of things about the ladies but not many unkind ones. One of the unkind ones, however, was about a lady who turned him out of a comfortable pub late one evening—(laughter)—when he was tired and had to walk many miles to the next resting house. (Laughter and applause.) Incidentally, Dr. Morrison begged leave to dissent from Mr. Kay in the matter of organised effort to "advertise" Burns in any way. He thought, rather than the understanding essential for a true appreciation of the place that the spirit of Burns took in the national life was a matter of natural growth.

Before the gathering broke up in the neighbourhood of midnight, the chairman thanked Mr. H. E. D. Adams for his excellent arrangements in the organisation of the dinner, Mr. Kay for his eloquent address, and the singers and others who had contributed to a programme which had done much to ensure the success of the evening. Referring to the question which had been raised of arranging suitable competitions, he (the Chairman) hoped Dr. Morrison would forgive him if he stated himself to be in agreement with Mr. Kay's suggestion and he had no doubt that Prof. Simpson would help them in the matter.

The recent honour conferred on Mr. G. Duncan, M.B.E. for his Wembley services was referred to by the Chairman who congratulated Mr. Duncan.

Mr. A. G. McLeod, Mr. K. Macnaughton, Mr. C. W. Blackley, and Mr. A. S. Mill gave appreciated recitations from the works of the poet in the course of the evening. Mr. J. Bartholomew also gave recitations.

TRUTH IN TRADE.

MR. HOLYOAK'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH.

THE FULL TEXT.

The following is the full text of the speech made by the Hon. Mr. P. R. Holyoak, Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, at the first annual dinner of the "Commercial Association" of the Hongkong University.

Mr. Holyoak said—Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Hinton and Gentlemen—In the first place, Mr. Chairman, allow me to thank you for your all too flattering and very generous remarks about myself, my interest in the University and my work in Hongkong.

It is true that I have taken a keen interest in the University from the days of its earliest inception, have watched its development with sympathy and have tried to help it in the Chamber of Commerce and elsewhere, because, Gentlemen, I believe that this University and all it stands for in sound and liberal education are destined to play an increasingly great part in the affairs of the Nations represented here to-night amongst the students and specially between China and Great Britain.

Gentlemen, history has proved that in the records of any and every Nation the only thing which survives the test of time is "Truth" evidenced by its legacies to succeeding generations.

"Truth" and the things it stands for and reveals either to a People or an individual are eternal and indestructible; without them no Nation can become truly great and because Truth and Sincerity are so much bound up in the matters you are studying, or have done more particularly in this "Commercial Degree" I venture to set it in the fore-front of the few remarks I am addressing to you.

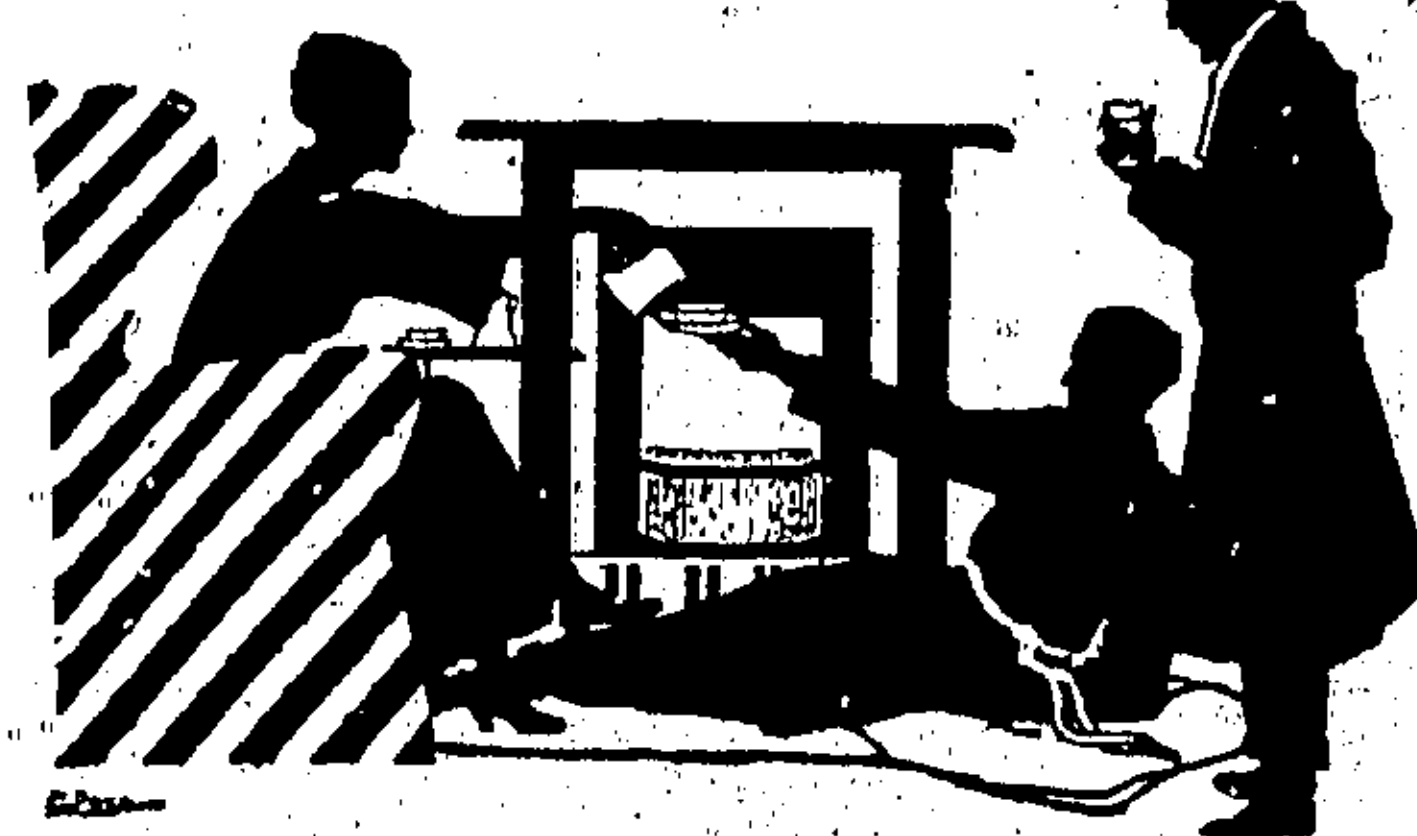
SANCTITY OF CONTRACTS.

The Sanctity of Contracts—in theory of purpose and of action, are all parts of the same great theme—probably no Nations in the last Century have understood and practised these great principles more fully and sincerely than China and Great Britain.

I can lay no claim to academic honours, Gentlemen, but for years I have been a practical student of Commercial and Political economy during which I have travelled widely and amongst many Nations—my observations have led me to believe that no Nation can be permanently prosperous and certainly not truly great, nor survive the test of time, which evades these cardinal principles of Commercial and Political intercourse. For over 25 years now I have resided in China, more particularly in South China; during that period I have transacted very large business in silk and other commodities with my Chinese friends. No written contract between either of us, anyhow, in silk, has ever existed but throughout the whole of that period I cannot recall one single instance of serious default and constantly, contracts that were merely oral

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In conclusion may I congratulate you on the formation of this "Association of Commercial students past and present"—it should have far reaching results in promoting and increasing that loyalty and affection to your "University" which you owe to it and as you take your place in the World's work—which no man can or should avoid—it will help you to "play the man."

Gentlemen—on behalf of all your guests and on my own, I thank you for the honour of your invitation and for the cordiality with which you have drunk our healths. May you continue to meet with every success and increasingly happy days in your work.

There will be an auction of papers at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, January 28 at 5 p.m. before the Musicals.

N.E. winds, fresh; fair, is the local forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. A fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

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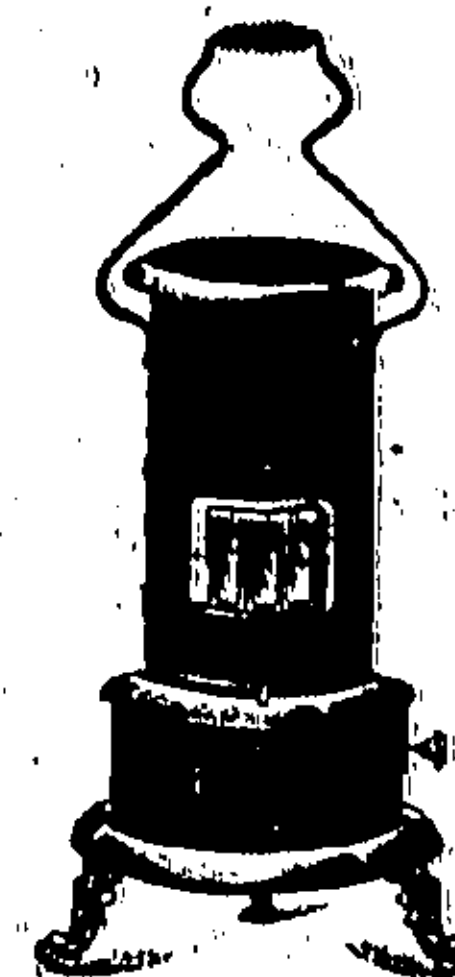
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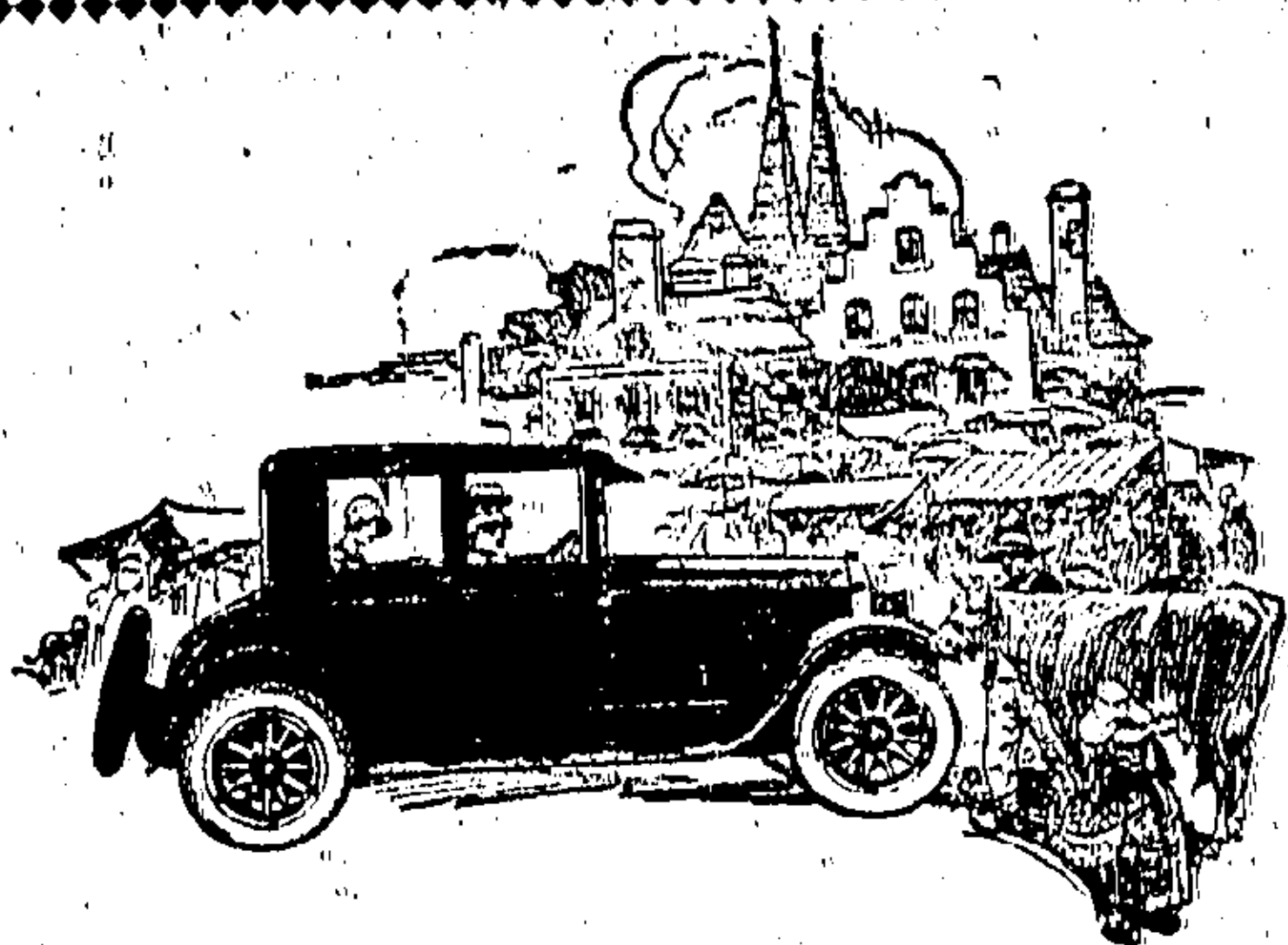
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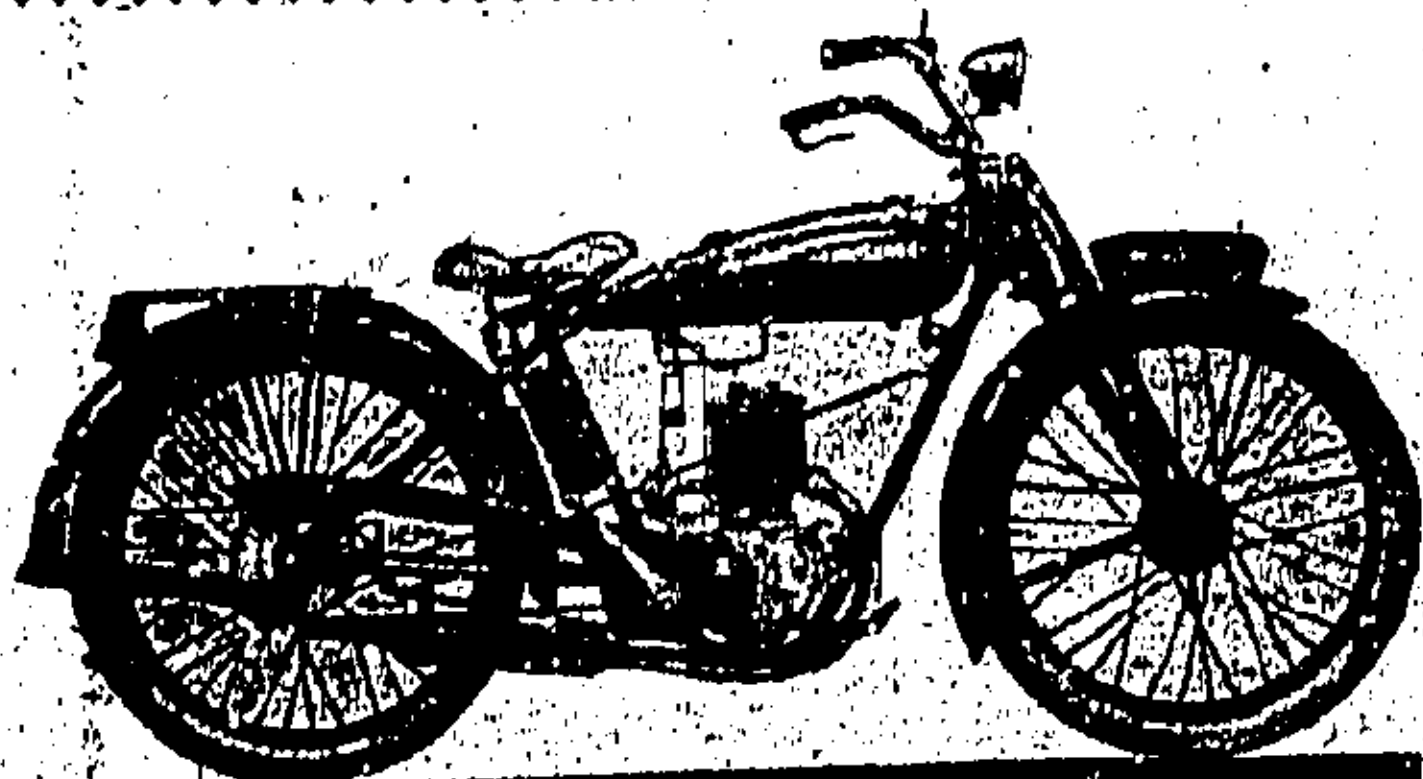
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended Sunday shows three cases of dogs with rabies.

According to the "Journal Industrielle," the French coal output in October amounted to 4,227,819 tons, as against 4,060,067 tons during September.

The Loyal Club of New York, an organization composed of Masons, chartered the United American liner "Reliance" for a fourteen-day cruise to the West Indies. The vessel was booked to capacity with 400 voyagers.

Christmas gifts were distributed among the 1,500 prisoners of Sing Sing Prison by the Mutual Welfare League, composed of convicts. The expense was met by proceeds of the musical show, "Top Hole," presented by inmates.

In connection with the opening of the Kuala Lumpur branch of the Oversea Chinese Bank, Ltd., there was an at home from 4 to 5 p.m., at 113, High Street. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. S. Q. Wang and Dr. S. C. Yin, of Singapore, directors of the bank.

Work on the new Yokohama Grand Hotel, which is to replace the old hotel destroyed in the earthquake, will be started some time during March or April, according to Mr. H. Morita, secretary to Mr. C. Ariyoshi, Mayor of Yokohama. At present the plans are being drawn by the Watanabe architect's office of Tokyo.

American physicians who came to Berlin to view clinics have been regrettably informed by the Medical faculty of the University of Berlin, in which all political beliefs excepting that of the Communists are represented, that until German representatives are again admitted to all international scientific associations the Americans cannot be admitted to the clinics. This method of using reprisals to raise the boycott is not expected in non-German scientific circles to encourage good relations.

A German scientist is said to have been successful in filling metal so thin that it is as transparent as glass.

The foreign trade of the port of Kobe for the last ten-day period of December amounted to ¥47,423,000, imports representing ¥29,639,000 and exports ¥17,784,000—an excess of imports of ¥11,855,000.

"Golf Illustrated," of November 20, devotes its centre double page to eighteen photographs of a drive by Mr. V. S. Maxwell. It is headed "Instruction by Photographs," and is one of a series of cinematographs of golfers. Mr. Maxwell, who is the older son of Sir George and Lady Maxwell, is at Magdalen College, Oxford.

A 380-foot freighter was recently built in England for service on the Canadian Great Lakes, but as the locks of the Welland Canal could not accommodate a ship of this size the builders devised an original plan to get it to its destination. The 150-foot centre section was knocked down and stowed away in the holds of the other two sections, which were then joined. The vessel thus crossed the Atlantic carrying nearly half of itself in its holds, and once west of the Welland Canal, it was lengthened out to its proper size.

It has been definitely decided that the American sailing ship "Benjamin F. Packard" is to be a maritime museum in New York Harbour, having been purchased for the purpose by Mr. P. R. Tell, who is very well known in the States for his keen interest for the old clipper ships. Arrangements are being made for moorings alongside an unused jetty, and the long-discussed American National Nautical Museum is to be installed in her until it grows out of her accommodation. She is not a particularly historical ship, having been built in 1883, and although she has made some smart voyages she is known principally for her service as a prison ship for refractory packers on the Alaskan service.

The Russian Cathedral at Warsaw has been demolished by the Poles.

There are now 1,400,000 horses on British farms, 60,000 being under one year old.

The Japanese Imperial Family has been pleased to grant ¥10,000 to the Imperial Academy for scientific research.

Ten cents per tree is prescribed as the tax on each tappable rubber tree under the Rural Board of Singapore.

The following prices have lately been paid in the auction rooms for objects of interest.

An etching by Whistler ..	\$300
Painting by Fantin Latour ..	\$232
16th-century Spanish cabinet ..	\$199
Queen Anne silver chalice ..	\$180
A black lacquer screen ..	\$145
A William and Mary wardrobe ..	\$120
A Cromwellian table ..	\$83
An Old English clock ..	\$58
A rough draft of a proclamation by Napoleon, written during his banishment at St. Helena, sold for	\$40.

Dr. Alan Richardson, who has been paying one of his periodical visits to Kobe, has just received the following information from Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hayward formerly of Kobe, who are operating the Alandale Poultry Farm at Langford, Victoria, B.C. In the recent Government contests the Alandale Poultry Farm broke all previous records for Canada and U.S.A. in egg-laying contests with a total score of 2,645 eggs for ten birds. A further "record" was secured by them as they own two hens that laid 300 eggs during ten months—303 and 327 respectively, an accomplishment which so far as is known has never been recorded in any country. Poultry-lovers may be interested in the score for ten months, which was as follows:—Pen 1, 254; (2) 238; (3) 239; (4) 303; (5) 216; (6) 255; (7) 206; (8) 239; (9) 227; (10) 258. Each pen contained ten birds.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The marriage of Mr. Bruce de Burgh-Thomas and Miss Angel Ellen Walker will take place at the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, on Saturday, January 30.

Mr. V. E. Hendershot the headmaster of the Malaysian Union Seminary, of 399, Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore, is leaving early in February on furlough in the United States.

Mr. N. Frith Prew left the Colony on Sunday for America by the "Korea Maru." Mr. Prew having obtained his B.A. degree at the University, rejoins his parents and will engage in accountancy.

There is to be a Masonic Service in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next at 6 p.m. Masonic clergy will conduct the service, and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, himself a Mason, will preach.

At the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, the Rev. G. H. Douglas officiating, Miss Stella Leicester, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leicester, of Rangoon Road, was married to Mr. Gordon Krickenberg, of the Borneo Co. After the marriage, the newly married couple boarded the "Dutch" mail steamer to proceed to Samarang.



Baroness Libby, D. Alcock, captain in the Spanish army and a painter of note, exhibiting some of his artistic work.

Lieut.-Colonel Robert J. Morris, D.S.O., who took part in the Somme offensive and other battles of the war, has been appointed curate of Fenny Stratford, Bucks. He was trained under the Service Candidates' Movement, which gave 1,600 ex-officers and men an opportunity to enter the ministry of the Church of England. Under this scheme, a dozen ex-colonels and at least two Generals took holy orders.

The first foreign medical woman to qualify at Leeds University Medical School is Miss Soo, a Burmese student, who has not found the work too easy, and is, therefore, very delighted with her success. Instead of returning immediately to Burma, Miss Soo intends to study for a while in London and then to seek experience in big cities in the provinces, so that she will be fully equipped when she returns to work among her own people. Leeds Medical School has always been very generous to its women students, whom it accepts on exactly the same terms as men.

Dr. Frederick Axbam, who was removed from the medical register nearly 15 years ago for having acted as an anaesthetist. Sir Herbert Barker, still declines to admit that he did any wrong. In a statement regarding the report that the decision not to restore his qualification was due to his application not having contained such an admission, Dr. Axbam said: "I took my stand on the grounds of conscience and conviction, and from that position I could not move."

Sir Herbert Barker issued an earnest appeal "at this season of peace and good will" for Dr. Axbam's reinstatement.

"All those who know him look up to him and love him for his splendid character, his loyalty and devotion, and his kindly disposition," said Sir Herbert, "and the record of his life, now rapidly drawing to a close, should be an example and inspiration to all."

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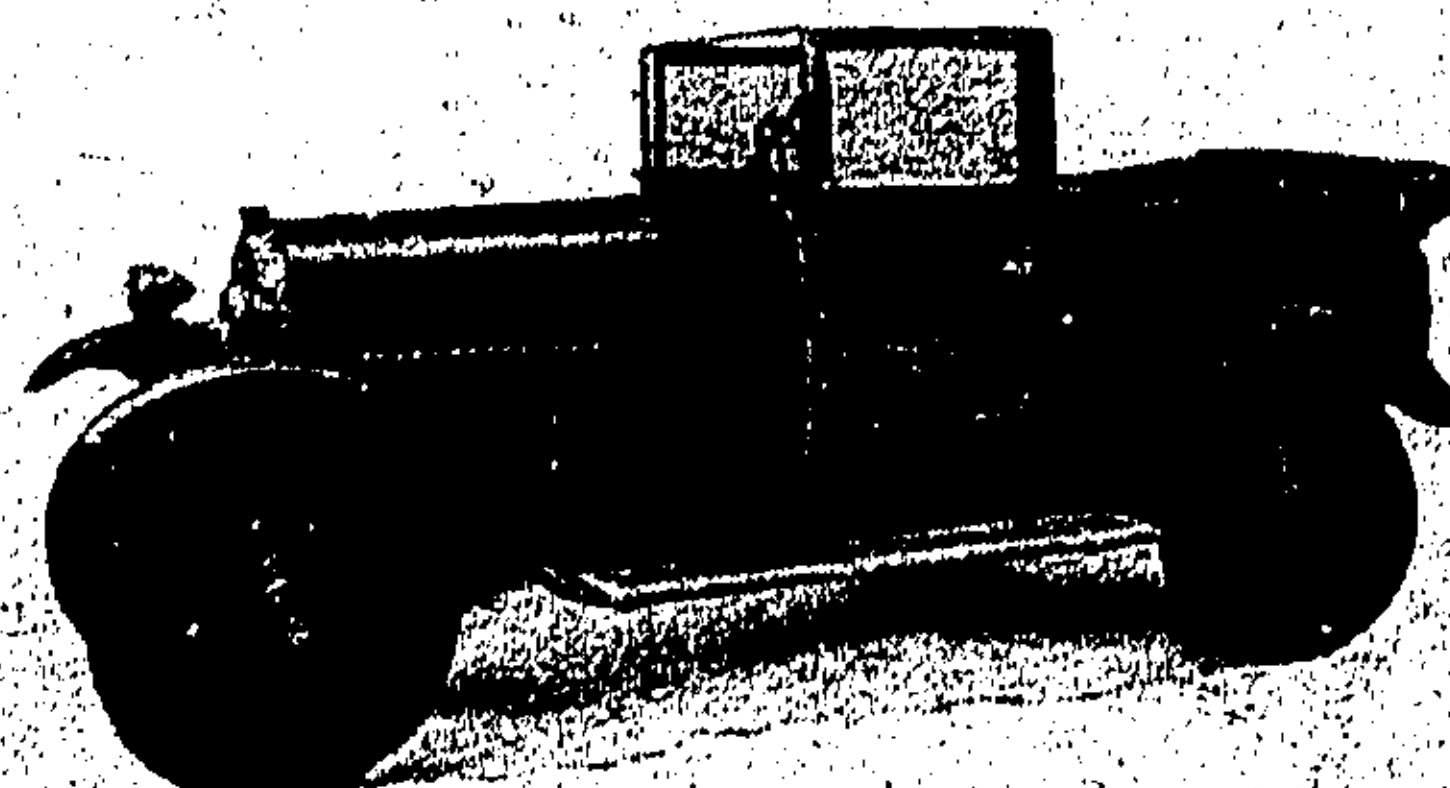
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SOCCER "CAPS."

HOW OUR TEAM SHOULD BE CHOSEN.

SUGGESTED HONGKONG XI'S.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—For Hongkong to do its best at Shanghai in the Interport Football, the team must be picked so that eleven men blended together will make the strongest side—not the team most representative of the Colony, nor a collection of the most brilliant individualists. My team is:—

Rodger; Wheeler; Wynne; Mitchell; Sims; McKelvie; Charlesworth; Gosano; Humberstone; Butler; Macklesworth.

These are the men with the proper temperament and combination.

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, Jan. 26.

ANOTHER CHOICE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I doubt if the selectors for the Interport football can do better than play this team:—

Clark; Wynne; Xavier; Leung Yuk-tong; Stewart; Lam Yuk-ying; Charlesworth; Humberstone; Gosano; Suen Kum-sun; Chan Kwong-yiu.

Reserves:—Chan So, McKelvie.

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, Jan. 26.

[Note:—Parts of the last letter have been exercised as they do not relate to the subject discussed, i.e., the interport soccer selection.]

CRICKET "CAPS."

THE COLONY'S TWO BEST ELEVEN'S.

SATURDAY'S BIG MATCH.

Further to the announcement on this page last Saturday, the following has been sent to the "China Mail" for publication:—

The Hongkong Cricket Club have arranged an interesting and important match for this Saturday, to be played on their ground commencing 1.30 p.m., and it is sincerely hoped that clubs interested will lend their wholehearted support.

A team, selected as the best available to represent the Colony, is to play the Rest of the Colony. It will be observed that no Naval cricketers are included in the representative eleven, as they are, of course, not qualified to play in Interport contests. A number are, however, included in "the Rest," which materially assists in making the sides even.

It is highly desirable that trial games of this nature should be arranged every season, whether an Interport contest is on the fixture card or not. It is the only satisfactory means of discovering suitable and fresh talent, and finding players with the proper temperament for Interport cricket.

Big batting and good bowling averages do not convey everything to a selection committee. It is the consistent batsman able to make runs on a big occasion and the steady and accurate bowler, who, if necessary, can go on several times in a match, to get a side out, who are the best men to fit into an Interport eleven. Furthermore, a match of this kind brings the best cricketers in touch with each other in at least one match in the season.

Such matches as this are highly to be commended, and if this one proves the success it deserves to be, the Cricket Club will no doubt arrange similar fixtures in future seasons.

It is a pity that it has not been possible to allot a whole day or even two days to this fixture, but no doubt this can be looked into for future occasions.

The following are the sides chosen:—

Hongkong XI:—R. Hancock (Hongkong), Capt. A. C. Bowker (Hongkong), Capt. C. A. Bridgland (Royal Engineers), F. Goodwin (Kowloon), A. W. Hayward (Hongkong), H. Owen Hughes (Hongkong), S. A. Ismail (Indians), Capt. E. W. Morris (Kowloon), T. E. Pearce (Hongkong), E. B. Reed (Civil Service), E. F. Stewart (Hongkong).

Rest of the Colony XI:—G. R. Sayer (Civil Service), Capt. L. Col. A. S. Cantrell (Navy), E. C. Fincher (Civil Service), Lt. T. E. Halsey (Navy), E. G. Lamert (Hongkong), H. V. Parkers (Hongkong), A. W. Ramsay (Kowloon), A. A. Rumjahn (University), Mid. R. H. Stephenson (Navy), C.Q.M.S. A. J. Stripp (Surrey), Capt. R. A. Watters (Kowloon).

LOCAL SOCCER.

TO-MORROW'S TRIAL TEAM CHANGES.

PROBABLES AND POSSIBLES.

For the final interport soccer trial game to-morrow, the teams will be as follows:—

Whites:—Rodger; Wynne; Xavier; Leung Yuk-tong; Stewart; Bristowe; Taylor; Palford; Howard; Butler and Macklesworth.

Colours:—Clark; Wheeler; Jordan; Mitchell; Sims; McKelvie; Charlesworth; Humberstone; Gosano; Suen Kam-shun and Hayes.

Reserves:—McGreavey, and Brittain.

The game will start at 4 p.m. sharp, and at the conclusion, the Selection Committee will meet to pick the fourteen players to make the journey to Shanghai. It is also understood that they will appoint a Manager to go in charge of the team.

(By Spectator.)

F.J.C.'s letter giving his probable team for the Interport, is rather a startling one. He starts off with choosing Rodger as the goalie with the remark that on present form he is the best. Any one with the least knowledge of football will not agree with this, for as good as Rodger is, Clark has experience and finish with all his work, and moreover length and reach, which are big assets to a goalkeeper.

There is no question that Bishop will not be picked, for he has intimated that he cannot make the journey. This does not necessarily mean that Xavier will be chosen. On the contrary, it is more likely to mean that Wheeler will partner Wynne, who will change over to left back. Xavier should, however, make a good reserve.

The climate and ground in Shanghai are all against sending Chinese, for they are not used to a heavy ground and ball. This would undoubtedly interfere with Leung Yuk-tong's play. Therefore he can hardly be considered. The choice is either Mitchell or McGreavey.

Opinions are divided as to the respective merits of Sims and Stewart for the centre half position. F.J.C. chooses Sims because, as he says, there is not much difference between them. Taking this for granted then, the choice should go to Stewart, as being without doubt the fitter of the two. It is also an open secret that the Shanghai players have a wholesome respect for "Jimmy."

McKelvie is far too slow for a wing half, and there again I do not agree with F.J.C.'s choice. Bristowe would be far and away better in this position. Forsyth at inside right is unreliable in more ways than one, and is, I should imagine, unlikely to be considered by the Selection Committee.

The choice will without doubt rest between Humberstone and Howard, with the odds slightly on the former. Charlesworth, Gosano and Butler are almost certain starters, but why F.J.C. chooses Hayes, who has yet to be given a trial, beats me. Macklesworth is certainly not playing up to form and a good show to-morrow on Hayes' part will probably be favourably considered, but it is quite another thing playing with a strange partner, and one whose play is understood.

I certainly think F.J.C. is wrong in several places, and I will give him my idea of what will be the selection to-morrow, and I think I shall be nearer to the team chosen than he is.

My selection would be:—

Clark; Wheeler; Wynne; Mitchell; Stewart; Bristowe; Charlesworth; Howard; Gosano; Butler and either Macklesworth or Hayes, (the latter player entirely depending on his display to-morrow). The Reserves: Xavier, McGreavey and Humberstone.

LADIES' TENNIS.

At the Ladies' Recreation Club (Peak Road) yesterday, Mrs. R. E. Tottenham defeated Mrs. E. Grimble by 9-7, 6-4, in the final of the lawn tennis (ladies) open championship.

In an exhibition men's doubles match Col. Russell-Brown and Major Hattersley-Smith defeated Dr. R. E. Tottenham and Lt. Broome, 6-3, 8-6, 6-0.

In the Captain's Cup qualifying competition for January (at Fanling), J. L. Shellshar beat H. U. Ireland in playing off this tie.

In the Golf Club junior championship qualifying round D. M. Goodall (98) qualified for the last place in the match play stages.

HOME SOCCER.

DIVISION III LEAGUE MATCHES.

HOME TEAMS ALL WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 25. In division III of the English Football League, the following matches were played to-day (home team given first):—

Southern Section.
Merthyr 4, Crystal Palace 0.
Northern Section.
Rochdale 3, Southport 1.
Walsall 3, Halifax 1.

League tables to date follow:—

Division III.

Southern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts
Plymouth	24	14	7	3	68	35	35
Reading	25	13	8	4	43	29	34
Bristol	26	13	7	6	46	31	33
Brighton	24	13	5	6	47	31	33
Gillingham	26	12	4	10	42	28	32
Millwall	24	10	7	7	41	25	27
Southend	25	11	1	14	50	41	27
Swindon	25	11	5	9	43	37	27
Northampton	24	11	4	9	47	46	26
Merthyr	25	9	8	8	40	38	26
Newport	24	9	6	9	31	39	24
Watford	24	9	6	9	40	53	24
Charlton	22	6	10	6	24	25	22
Luton	25	5	4	12	44	22	22
Norwich	26	8	6	12	46	22	22
Bristol Rovers	25	5	5	12	41	39	21
Exeter	25	8	5	12	48	52	21
Brentford	25	9	2	14	37	58	20
Bournemouth	25	7	6	12	34	60	20
Aberdeen	23	7	5	11	33	47	19
Crystal P.	24	8	2	14	39	49	18
Q.P.R.	24	4	5	14	21	47	14

Division III.

Northern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts
Bradford	26	17	4	5	60	33	38
Rochdale	25	15	5	5	58	34	35
Grimby	23	13	5	5	50	24	31
Hartlepool	26	13	5	8	56	48	31
Nelson	25	11	8	6	57	33	30
Halifax	26	11	7	8	38	31	29
Chesham	23	12	4	7	48	28	28
Coventry	25	12	4	9	49	41	28
Durham	26	13	2	11	46	45	28
Doncaster	24	9	6	9	49	36	27
Crewe	24	11	4	9	40	35	26
Ashington	26	8	10	8	37	34	24
N. Brighton	25	10	4	11	37	44	24
Accrington	25	11	2	12	46	62	24
Lincoln	25	10	2	13	43	51	22
Tranmere	25	9	3	13	40	55	21
Wrexham	25	9	10	6	39	56	21
Rotherham	24	8	4	12	33	60	20
Wigan	24	7	5	12	42	46	19
Southport	24	5	8	11	34	47	18
Walsall	26	5	4	17	36	77	14
Barrow	26	4	2	20	36	59	10

VARSITY CRICKET.

The following will represent the Engineers and the Medicals in a University inter-faculty cricket to-morrow at Pokfulam at 2 p.m. sharp:—

Engineers:—W. M. Gittins (Capt.), Prof. F. A. Redmond, Prof. M. H. Roffey, H. C. Hunt, J. L. Youngs, A. Hoalim, S. G. Shahabudin, Cheung Tuck-wing, I. Tajima, H. T. Barma, A. Suleiman.

Medicals:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), Prof. J. L. Shellshar, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. S. A. M. Sepper, C. W. Lam, D. Laing, C. H. Yeoh, Y. C. Teh, E. N. Sudan, R. Chan Wah, F. Hiptola.

Umpire:—C. K. Ong; Scorer: P. T. Lim.

FANLING HUNT.

Owing to the Polo Club gymnkhana this Saturday at Causeway Bay, there will be no meet of the Fanling Hunt that day.

On Sunday the hounds will meet at Sheungshui Police Station at 10.30 a.m.

HOCKEY MATCH PUT OFF.

The hockey match between the 5/2nd Punjab and the Club 2nd XI has been postponed till Friday (January 29), at the Marina ground, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

The following will represent the H.K.H.C. 1st XI against H.M.S. "Hermes" to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp at the U.S.R.C. (in colours):—

S. H. Garrod; A. A. Dand, C. L. R. Becher; A. S. Eott, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes, D. Lyon, W. Woodward, J. E. Noronha; T. J. Price.

London, December 26.—At the Derby football ground the rails collapsed on account of the pressure of the crowd. Two thousand persons were involved. Two spectators were killed, one a broken arm, and one sustained serious damage to his ribs. Many faint.

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THIRD AND LAST TEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cape Town, Jan. 25. At the end of the first day in the third (and final) lawn tennis Test Match, South Africa led Britain by four matches to one. Britain won the first Test and drew the second.

AMERICAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 25. It is understood that Miss Helen Willis to represent the United States against England in the Wightman Cup singles. There are no other definite selections, though it is expected that Miss Brown (captain) with Mrs. F. Mallory and Miss Goss will be members. Cunnies (Riviera), Jan. 25.

Miss Helen Willis won the Metropole Tournament singles, defeating Mademoiselle Vlaston by 6-3, 7-5.

WORLD GOLF.

BRITISH TOURISTS IN AMERICA.

AGAIN DEFEATED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

St. Petersburg (Florida), Jan. 25. At golf, Walter Hagen and Gilbert Nichols (America) beat Archie Compston and Arnold Massey by 3 up and 2 to play. [Hagen has been open champion of both the U.S.A. and Britain. Compston is one of the leading British golf professionals. Massey has played in Britain, with some success.]



Walter Hagen.

THE NOBLE ART.

WORLD'S WELTERWEIGHT TITLE.

WHY BOUT WAS PUT OFF.

(via Colombo.)

New York, January 5. The fight between Mickey Walker (America) and Tom Milligan (Britain) for the world's welter-weight title, which was fixed for January 22, has been called off by the State Boxing Commission, who have received a physician's report that Walker is unable to fight owing to a recent operation to his toe.

[Note: Subsequent Reuter cables report negotiations to promote the fight in Britain.]

SCOTLAND'S SOCCER "PROS."

Followers of football in Scotland are seriously disturbed over the recent transfers to England and Wales of some of her best players. "Where is this fleecing of players going to end?" is the question heard on all hands. The "poaching" threatens to affect seriously the competitive spirit in Scotland. It is high time, say many people, that the present system regarding transfers should cease to exist. Scotland has been badly bitten within the past few weeks, and if the present procedure persists it will be possible to visualise a time when the sport in Scotland will be demonstrated by juniors and "come backs." "Daily Mail."

PEACE WITH SOVIETS.

AGREEMENT SIGNED AT MUKDEN.

SEMI-OFFICIAL REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Jan. 25. A semi-official statement gives the text of an agreement signed by the Russian Consul-General at Mukden and the Chinese Foreign Commissioner for the Three Eastern Provinces, whereby "a peaceful settlement of the dispute regarding the Eastern Railway may be considered assured."

The agreement provides for the release of the officials arrested and lays down conditions for the future administration of the line, including the transportation of armies.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Peking, Jan. 25. The Soviet Consul-General at Harbin has telegraphed to M. Karakhan to-day, stating that Marshal Chang Tso-lin, at 10.30 p.m. yesterday, ordered the release of M. Ivanoff, and all the Soviet officials and workmen arrested at Harbin.

ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

Further details show that M. Ivanoff, prior to being arrested at his residence on Friday, broadcast instructions to the effect that the orders of the Chinese military must not be obeyed.

The explanation given by the Chinese authorities was that M. Ivanoff thrice disobeyed the orders of Chang Huan-hsiang, the railway zone Tupan.

Following M. Ivanoff's arrest, his Russian assistant, M. Elsemont, announced he had assumed charge of the railway. Chang Huan-hsiang requested the Chinese Chairman of Directors to convene a meeting of the Board to order the dismissal of M. Ivanoff and appoint M. Elsemont and Mr. Kuo Tsung-hai as joint managers, with authority to sign documents.

When the meeting was held, the Russian Directors demanded M. Ivanoff's release and left the meeting, refusing to discuss anything else.

Business at Harbin is at a standstill and it is stated that there is much apprehension amongst the Russian population.

SITUATION STILL TENSE.

Week-end telegrams from Harbin do not indicate that the situation is less tense. It is asserted that M. Ivanoff will be tried by a Chinese court-martial and probably sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The charge is not disclosed.

The Chinese authorities at Harbin have been endeavouring to resume traffic on the southern section, but unsuccessfully in this respect certain Soviet employees on the railway are alleged to be obstructing the Chinese and it is expected that they will be arrested as well as other prominent members of the Soviet.

RED TROOPS.

The Soviet Secretary of the Chinese Eastern Railway is freely quoted as saying that if the Chinese do not comply with the Moscow ultimatum within a specified time, Red troops will be brought into the railway zone to take over control of the railway.

A private telegram from Harbin asserts that the Chinese are closing the frontier at Pogranichnaya and Manchuli in order to prevent the passage of Red troops.

Another important incident is reported to have occurred at Harbin on Friday night, when the Chinese authorities surrounded the Soviet Consulate-General and removed a quantity of arms and documents.

JAPAN WAITING.

Tokyo, Jan. 25. In spite of contrary rumours, the Foreign Office spokesman states that the Japanese Government does not intend to mediate in the Harbin dispute, but will continue a policy of "watchful waiting."

Though it regards the situation as delicate, it is understood that the Government considers both parties are bluffing; therefore, it is hopeful that hostilities will not break out.

FRENCH PRESS HOPES.

(Havas Agency.)
Paris, Jan. 25. "Le Martin" and "L'Homme Libre" hope that the conflict between the Soviet and Marshal Chang Tso-lin will be settled pacifically.

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T. T. on London	2/43 1/2	2/43 1/2	2/43 1/2
T. T. on Shanghai	78 1/2	78 1/2	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1060 h.	\$1060 b.	\$1060 b.
do. London	412 1/2	—	412 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	421 1/2	421 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	420 1/2	420 1/2 n.	—
do. C.	413 1/2	413 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	40 1/2	40 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	38 1/2	38 n.	380 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	500 h.	600 n.	\$ 600 n.
China Underwriters	23 1/2	2.30 n.	2 n.
North China Insurance	T 14 1/2	T 140	—
Union Insurance	253 h.	254 b.	\$255 b.
Angloize Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 h.	165 b.	—
K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 s.	500 n.
Shipping.			
Coughlases	33 s.	32 n.	34 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 s.	24 s.	22 1/2
K. Kugs & Lighters	4 1/2	4 n.	4 n.
Indo-China (Prof.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L'd.	45 n.	—	65 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Central Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Hell Transports	97 1/2	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	\$55 s.	52 b. 53 s.	\$ 52 s.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 s.	16 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 s.	30 s.	35 n.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	5 n. 35 s.	50 n.
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Congquets	100 n.	—	—
Shan Mining Ad.	44 1/2	45 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Angkats (Combined)	T30 s.	T30 s.	T 28 s.
do. (Single)	20 n.	18 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45 n.	5 1/2	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Sauba	\$5.80 s.	\$5 3/4	6 n.
Cronch Mines	55 1/2 n.	55 1/2 n.	—
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Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
K. & K. Wharves	\$123 s.	122 s.	\$120 s.
K. & W. Docks	57 1/2	57 n.	56 n.
Congkaws	T165 s.	—	T165 b.
New Engineering	7 b.	T 7 b.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 s.	111 s.	112 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$734 b.	8 b.	734 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	63 s.	63 s.	62 s.
K. Realty	6 b.	6 1/4 n.	5 1/2 n.
K. Territories	6 b.	6 1/4 n.	6 n.
Lumphreys Estates	1334	13 3/4	13 1/2
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Hongkong Electric	57 n.	49 b. 50 s.	51 s.
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H. K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	—	40 s.
do. (old)	134 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 n.
do. (new)	8 1/2	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	21 b.	21 s. & sa.	21 s.
Mac. Crawfords	1234 n.	12 s.	13 s.
Macan Electric	40 n.	—	—
Jackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12.10 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 b.	16 b.	17 s.
do. (new)	8 u.	8 n.	9 s.
Sincere	11 s.	10 n.	9 b.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/2	—
Taxis	4 s.	3.50 s.	3 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Katois (old)	124 1/2	12 1/2 n.	13 n.
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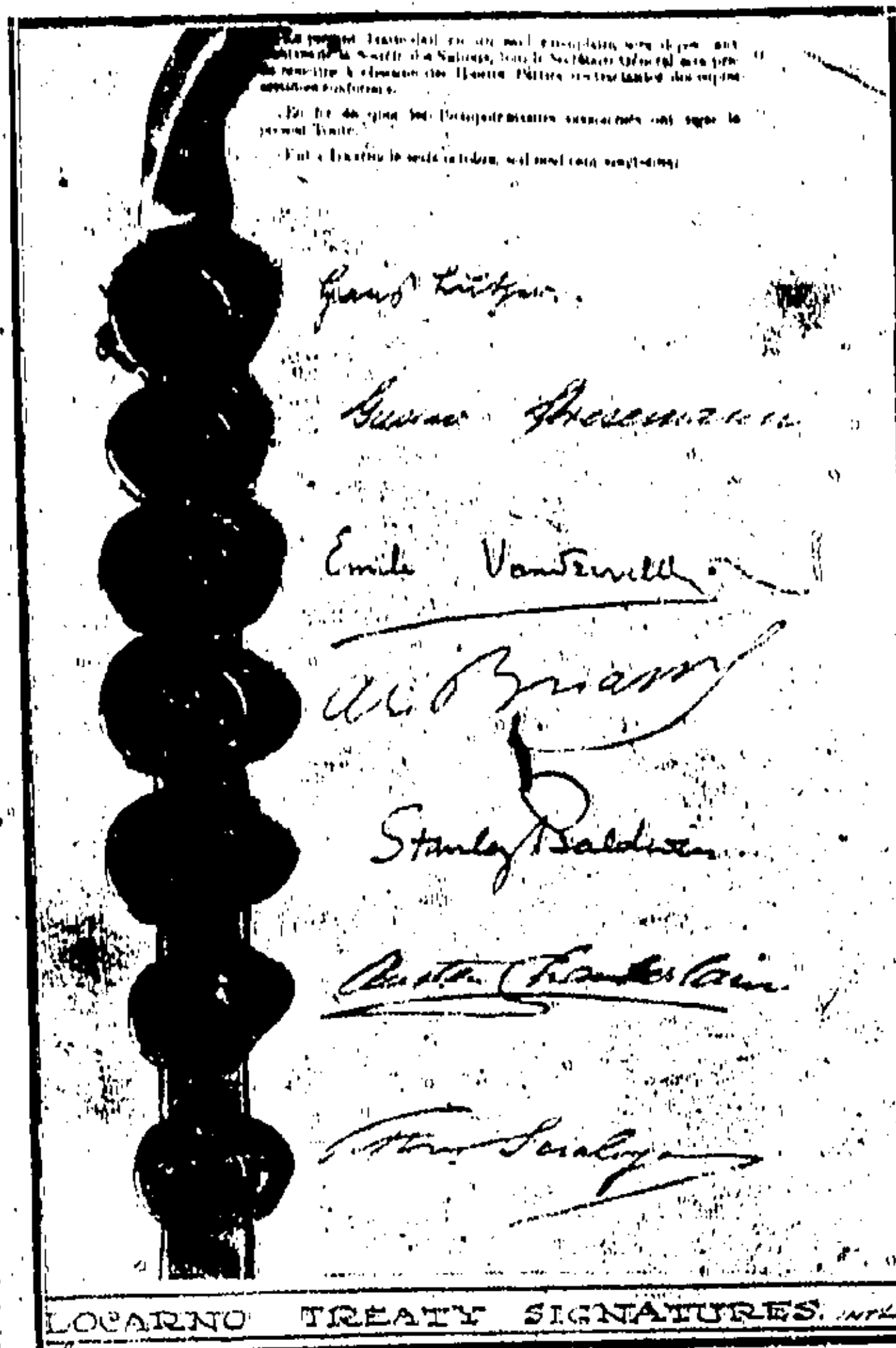
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Shorn of his famous Van Dyke and his head as hairless as a billiard ball, Gabriele D'Annunzio posed on the throne of his villa at Gardone, Italy. "I sing only of the powerful" is the translation of the inscription at the base of the throne.



Otto Gebhardt, engineer of Munich, has succeeded in utilizing acetylene gas in motors. His skates are equipped with acetylene motors.



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Senator Shipstead, in sharp contrast to the U.S. President's attitude that the farmers want to be left alone, is seeking to have adopted his measure fixing prices on agricultural commodities. Lady Beaverbrook, one of England's most beautiful women, has shown great talent in her writings for her husband's newspapers. Senator Edge, of New Jersey, has declared himself in favour of four per cent. beer. Dr. Marianne Beth, of Vienna, is the first woman lawyer to be admitted to the Austrian bar.



Four of the leaders in pushing the work of aiding American agriculturists:—Earl Houghton, of the California Farm Bureau; O. E. Bradfute, president of the Farm Bureau Federation; A. C. Hardington and E. P. Taylor.

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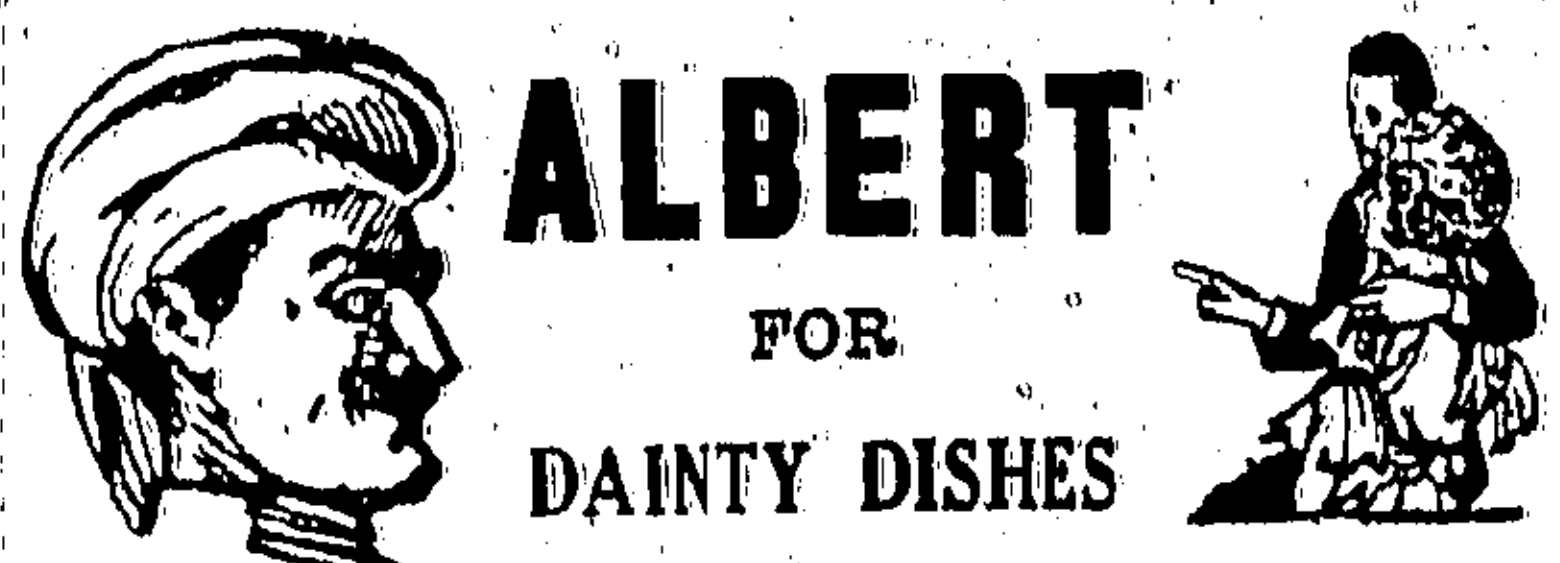
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Dungeons as Bath Huts.

The Redoubt, the moated martello tower at the East End of the Parade, has been acquired from the War Office by the Eastbourne Corporation (Cham.) and the Borough Surveyor is engaged on plans for converting the old fort into an open-air swimming pool. The idea is to take away the tower and adapt the area contained in the outer moat wall as a pool. This outer wall is lined with dungeons, which are to be utilised as bathing cabins. The Redoubt was raised as a bulwark against a possible invasion by Napoleon's Army.

Whisky Pipe Line.

The United States Federal Attorney (Mr. Buckner) has ordered 30 of the best known cabarets in New York to be closed and padlocked (says the London "Daily News.") This is the form of Government action which has proved efficacious in putting a stop to the operations of dispensers of liquor. Among the resorts that have been closed is the "El Fey Club," whose proprietress sent out invitations boasting that it was "always New Year's Eve" there. She also claimed to have among her patrons a number of "the foremost screen stars" of America. One of the persons connected with the club, a former pugilist, had been released on bail

of \$100 after being charged with trying to convey bottles of champagne to the club. Mr. Buckner states that he has information that all the liquors sold at the club, except bottled goods, were taken there through pipe lines, and that it was only necessary to turn a tap to secure whiskey, gin, and other "hard" drinks.

Bride Mixes Mortar.

An English couple, who have just married, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perry, of Southend, spent the period of their engagement building the home in which they intended to live, with the result that after the honeymoon they will occupy a five-roomed bungalow erected entirely by their own hands (states the London "Daily News.") Most of the woodwork of the bungalow was bought in sections, and Mr. Perry, who is 25, and a scale maker, laid the bricks with mortar which his bride-to-be had mixed. The latter was equally handy with the saw and hammer. Relatives occasionally assisted during the summer months, going down to Eastwood with picnic baskets and performing such work as bricklaying as pastime work.



Clair Cornell, one of New York's prettiest girls, gave up all the luxuries of life to become the happy bride of Robert Ten Eyck Stevenson, poor artist. Mrs. Stevenson had been engaged to a cousin of the King of Spain.

"Wild" Aviator Hunt.

An aviator, who is alleged to have driven his plane in "a drunken manner" near motorists on the Skyline boulevard, was hunted by the San Francisco police recently (states the "San Francisco Examiner.") The search was begun following a complaint filed by Ben Farber. According to Farber's report at the Police station, he was driving a machine containing his wife and two children north on the Skyline boulevard, when a plane flying in the same direction caught up with him. The plane, he declares, seemed to be very unsteady in the air and, when but a short distance behind him, swooped down directly over his automobile the landing wheels of the plane missing the car by little more than a foot. Farber's wife and children were frightened into hysterics by the episode. The plane rose again after almost scraping Farber's machine, turned in a wide circle and disappeared toward the south. Police were checking up on pen-insult flying fields.

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From	TUESDAY, JANUARY 26	From
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.	Swatow
Straits	11.00 a.m.	Suwa Maru
Amoy and Manila	11.30 a.m.	Changto
Manila	12.00 p.m.	Proa. Cleveland
Amoy	12.30 p.m.	Proa. Cleveland
Japan	1.00 p.m.	Proa. Cleveland
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	1.30 p.m.	Proa. Cleveland
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JANUARY 27.

Swatow	9.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	10.00 a.m.
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.
Japan	11.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels Noon)	11.30 a.m.
Letters (p.m.)	
Manila	12.00 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	1.30 p.m.
Fookwang	
West Coyote	1 p.m.
Sawa Haru	1 p.m.
San Id	8 p.m.
Philippines	10.30 a.m.
Yokohama Maru	9.30 a.m.
Ninghai	10 a.m.

THURSDAY,

JANUARY 28.

Swatow	9.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	10.00 a.m.
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	11.00 a.m.
Straits, Amoy, India, Japan, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	11.30 a.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	12.00 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	12.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	1.00 p.m.
Amoy and Manila	1.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	2.00 p.m.
Manila	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	3.00 p.m.
Straits, Amoy, India, Japan, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	3.30 p.m.
MADEIRA—via Marseilles 18th Feb. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	4.00 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	4.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	5.00 p.m.
Amoy and Manila	5.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	6.00 p.m.
Manila	6.30 p.m.
Bangkok	7.00 p.m.
Straits, Amoy, India, Japan, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	7.30 p.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.O.	8.00 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	8.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	9.00 p.m.
Amoy and Manila	9.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	10.00 p.m.
Manila	10.30 p.m.
Bangkok	11.00 p.m.
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